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## FORMER U.S. AMBASSADOR IN ISRAEL WARNS CONGRESS ON MIDDLE EAST

WASHINGTON, March 14. (JTA) -- Greater American vigilance in the Middle East was urged in Congress today by Representative Cgden Reid, New York Republican and former U. C. Ambassador to Israel, in connection with the current pro-Nasser developments in Syria, Iraq and Yemen.

Rep. Reid said that these developments were "moves directed substantially toward a strong military alliance against a backdrop of inflammatory propaganda." He cited the proposal advanced by Iraq for a joint military command of the armies of Iraq, Syria, Egypt, Yemen and Algeria, efforts looking toward a closer merger or union of Iraq, Syria and Egypt and "inflammatory propaganda" by the new President of Yemen calling on the peoples of Jordan and Saudi Arabia to overthrow their Kings.

Rep. Reid said that while the United States had persistently encouraged closer peaceful cooperation among the countries in the Middle East and welcomed planning for coordinated economic development, the political and military pattern which was "slowly emerging" could be "a matter for serious concern." He added that the re-statement by Secretary of State Dean Rusk "of our concern for the independence and security of Jordan and Saudi Arabia was therefore most pertinent and timely."

Rep. Reid reminded the House that the formation on October 23, 1956, of a Joint Command of Egypt and Syria with the stated purpose of "the liquidation of Israel" in large measure triggered action by the Government of Israel in Sinai--as Israel believed its security was threatened and that its survival was at stake. Mr. Reid told the House, and that this required action by Israel "in self-defense."

He said the President should instruct American ambassadors "to reaffirm that our policy embraces friendly and peaceful relations with all countries" in the area and that "any threat to the peace will result in prompt action by the United States consistent with the United Nations Charter."

## JEWISH AGENCY EXECUTIVE APPROVES \$125,000,000 BUDGET FOR CURRENT YEAR

JERUSALEM, March 14. (JTA) -- A plenary meeting of the Jewish Agency executive approved today a 374,000,000-pound--about \$125,000,000--budget for the 1963-64 period. The budget draft was presented by Treasurer Aryeh Pincus.

The meeting also heard a report from Dr. Nahum Goldmann on the most recent meeting of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany and of the Conference of World Jewish Organizations for Jewish education, both meetings having been held in New York.

Moshe Sharett, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, urged the Zionist movement to exploit the awakening to Jewish values in countries outside of Israel and to rally the masses of Jewry to fill their lives with Zionist content. Stressing the need to inject new blood in the Zionist federations, Mr. Sharett proposed a 50-50 composition of federation leadership of party representatives and personalities of non-party organizations. Young leaders should be found to bear responsibilities and these cannot come from all parties, he stated.

Mrs. Rose Halprin, chairman of the American section of the Agency, submitted a detailed analysis of the latest developments regarding the American Zionist Council. Zvi Lurie, member of the Agency executive, presented a series of proposals for strengthening the territorial federations and supported Mr. Sharett's view for the representation of non-party personalities in the leadership.

## EBAN DIFFERS WITH BEN-GURION ON COMPULSORY, FREE HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION

JERUSALEM, March 14. (JTA) -- Abba Eban, Israel's Minister of Education and Culture, took issue in the Knesset, Parliament, today, with Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion on the question of "compulsory and free high school education" in this country. Without mentioning Mr. Ben-Gurion, but referring to that slogan, Mr. Eban proposed instead a policy of "free secondary education for those who are adept and who wish it."

Mr. Eban's enunciation of a policy on high school education came up as he discussed before the Knesset his Ministry's 1963-64 budget, calling for 200,000,000 pounds. He

described the Ben-Gurion formulation on high school education as "both impractical and unnecessary."

He said that, now, 60 percent of Israel's youth between the ages of 15 and 17 are getting a high school education. He argued that this was among the highest percentages in the world, and expressed the view that a youth over the age of 16 should be permitted a choice between further schooling and "initiative toward a craft and economic independence, if these beckon to him."

Mr. Eban's report showed that, in the past three years, Government subsidies to high schools rose from 9,000,000 pounds a year (\$3,000,000) to 20,000,000 pounds (about \$6,700,000).

#### AUSTRIA EXTENDS TIME LIMIT FOR NAZI VICTIMS SEEKING COMPENSATION

VIENNA, March 14. (JTA) -- The Austrian Government extended today the time limits for registration by victims of the Nazi era in Austria to receive compensation under the Austrian West German agreement.

The extension, which is for one year, was set to meet demands of many of the victims, particularly Austrians now living in other countries, for additional time to register. The new deadline is March 31, 1964. Under the agreement, West Germany agreed to contribute a substantial sum to a funds pool for such payments.

#### SOVIET ARCHBISHOP SAYS SYNAGOGUES AND CHURCHES SLANDERED IN RUSSIA

WASHINGTON, March 14. (JTA) -- The head of a visiting delegation of Soviet churchmen, Archbishop Nikodim of the Russian Orthodox Church, today told a press conference that if some Soviet newspapers denounce synagogues and the Jewish faith the same organs say even worse things about the Russian Orthodox church.

Archbishop Nikodim added that he could say only that the position of the Jews in the Soviet Union was stated "very clearly" by Premier Khrushchev in a recent letter to British philosopher Bertrand Russell. He amplified this, however, by commenting that events affecting "individuals" were not based on religion or nationality of the individual but "entirely on their personal qualities." He suggested that prosecution, as for economic crimes, was linked not with religion but only with the deeds of the "particular persons involved."

The Archbishop's comments were in reply to questions he had been asked as to what Soviet Christians could do about the denunciation by official Soviet publications of the Jewish religion and defamation of synagogues as alleged centers of crime. The Russian delegation arrived here as guests of the National Council of Churches. From 1957 to 1959 the Archbishop served first as a member and then as head of the Russian church mission in Jerusalem, Israel. He was subsequently elevated to the position of Archbishop of Jaroslavl and Rostov.

#### CONDITION OF JUDGE KUPER STILL 'MOST CRITICAL,' HOSPITAL REPORTS

JOHANNESBURG, March 14. (JTA) -- The condition of Judge Simon Kuper, the South African Jewish leader who was shot last Friday in an assassination attempt, remained "most critical" today, according to a hospital report. Prayers for his recovery were offered in synagogues and churches.

The gunman vanished after the shooting and the police began an immediate investigation. No political motive was suspected in the assassination attempt since Judge Kuper never took part in politics. Judge Kuper, a former president of the South African Jewish Board of Deputies, was named to the High Court in 1955 after a distinguished career as an attorney.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Kuper made public an appeal from her husband to South Africa's Orthodox and Reform Jews to patch up their differences which have led to an order from the Orthodox Beth Din (rabbinical court) to Orthodox rabbis to boycott any communal function attended by a Reform rabbi.

Judge Kuper had planned a public appeal in the religious dispute and had made some notes just before he was shot. Mrs. Kuper found the notes and made them public today. The notes indicated that Judge Kuper had planned to criticize the attacks on Orthodox Judaism by Rabbi Ahron Copher, a Chicago rabbi who took a pulpit here. The Jewish leader also planned to say that Reform congregations were "an integral and valuable" part of the community.

#### CHILEAN SUPREME COURT STARTS HEARING TODAY ON RAUFF'S DEPORTATION

SANTIAGO DE CHILE, March 14. (JTA) -- Seven justices of the Chilean Supreme Court will begin hearing, Friday, the appeal of Walter Rauff, a former Nazi SS leader fighting extradition to West Germany, where he has been accused of murdering 90,000 Jews during World War Two. He was arrested at Punta Arenas, last December, on the request of the officials at Bonn.

NEW YORK U. J. A. RAISES \$7,500,000 AT DINNER OPENING 1963 CAMPAIGN

NEW YORK, March 14. (JTA) - Pledges of \$7,500,000 to the 1963 United Jewish Appeal were announced tonight at a dinner here of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York which formally inaugurated its 25th anniversary year campaign.

More than 1,000 guests attended the banquet at which some 600 volunteers who served in the first New York UJA campaign in 1939 were honored. Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller and Israel Ambassador Avraham Harman were the principal guest speakers.

New York UJA treasurer Samuel D. Leisdesdorf, as representative of the dinner's guests of honor, was presented by Gov. Rockefeller with a medallion issued by the State of Israel in celebration of the UJA's 25th anniversary. Similar medallions were distributed to 300 founders and leading officers of the UJA of Greater New York and to members of their families representing founders who have died.

Charles Revson, a New York UJA vice-president, presided. Other speakers included Jack D. Weiler, chairman of the board of trustees, and Monroe Goldwater, president. Mayor Robert F. Wagner, unable to attend the dinner, sent a telegram of greeting in which he warned: "With regard to Israel, it has become clear in recent weeks that the cause of peaceful development in the Middle East faces new dangers from resurgent, revenge-seeking forces. We can show our increasing concern with peace and stability in this area by maximum efforts in the UJA campaign."

JEWC IN CANADA STRESS THEY DO NOT VOTE AS BLOC IN DOMINION ELECTIONS

MONTREAL, March 14. (JTA) -- The Jewish community of Canada formally rejected today all political appeals that may be made during the current pre-election campaigns "based on racial or religious grounds" or designed to give the impression that Jews in the Dominion vote as a bloc. The general elections are to be held April 8.

The resolution on the subject was adopted unanimously at a meeting of the national Joint Community Relations Committee of the Canadian Jewish Congress and B'nai B'rith. It was also approved by the national executive of the Canadian Jewish Congress and by the CJC's national religious advisory committee. The resolution reads:

"The Canadian Jewish Congress is of the opinion that Jewish citizens of this community participate in municipal, provincial and national elections as citizens of Canada, sharing with citizens of all other faiths and origins a common interest in the proper and efficient administration of our country's affairs. It consequently rejects on principle any political appeal directed by a candidate based on racial or religious grounds, designed to give the impression that there is a bloc such as 'the Jewish vote' or any other type of ethnic or religious grouping of the electorate, and which is aimed at attracting votes by favoring or discriminating against any group in the electorate."

PLANS FOR PROPOSED JEWISH UNIVERSITY IN CONNECTICUT APPROVED

HARTFORD, Conn., March 14. (JTA) -- Plans for a proposed Jewish University in Connecticut have been approved by the Legislature's Committee on Incorporation and the Connecticut State Board of Education, backers of the idea reported today.

Harold B. Yudkin of Derby, who originated the idea, appeared before the committee which made its favorable report to the Connecticut General Assembly conditional on approval by the State Board of Education. The board gave its unanimous approval after Mr. Yudkin and Rabbi Theodore Gluck of Derby outlined plans to the board.

Mr. Yudkin told the committee that passage of a bill introduced in the legislature and approval by the Governor of the bill would clear the way for backers to start raising some \$25,000,000 to establish a liberal arts college and graduate school facilities. He said he did not expect any student enrolment before five to 10 years after approval by the state.

In the bill, the name of the proposed institution was changed to Jewish University of Connecticut. The bill also provided that in event of dissolution of the proposed university before January 1, 1980, the university's board of directors would have to convey its assets to Brandeis University, Yeshiva University of New York, the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and the Technion in Haifa.

PUBLIC SCHOOL IN CALIFORNIA ORDERED TO CEASE RECITATION OF PRAYER

DUBLIN, Calif., March 14. (JTA) -- A teacher in a public school here was ordered today by the Dublin Board of Education to halt a practice of starting her daily classes with the Lord's Prayer. This was believed to be the last public school in California with this practice.

The order was issued to Mrs. Ellen Nevins after the board received an opinion from the Alameda county district attorney's office that such recitation in a public school violated the state education code as well as the U. S. Constitution.

SENATE GETS BILL TO REDUCE POSTAL RATES FOR RELIGIOUS BOOKS

WASHINGTON, March 14. (JTA) -- Senator Hugh Scott, Pennsylvania Republican, said today in a Senate speech that new second class postal rates for religious instruction publications are "confiscatory" and he introduced a bill to reduce such rates.

The Senator said the effect of the postal rate increase was to elevate the cost of classroom publications used by the various faiths in churches and synagogues. "These publications are in enough financial difficulties," he stated. "The enormous increase of rates would put many of them out of business and thus deprive thousands of dedicated Sunday school teachers of valuable tools of instruction." He asked other Senators to join in co-sponsoring his measure.

JEWS IN NEW YORK AND ISRAEL ARE REPORTED GREATEST VICTIMS OF LEUKEMIA

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., March 14. (JTA) -- Leukemia, called by medical experts a disease which still poses "many unanswered questions" to scientists, affects the Jewish population of Israel and Jews in New York City more often than it touches other sections of the world population, a study by the World Health Organization disclosed here today. Leukemia is a form of cancer.

According to the WHO study, mortality from leukemia is high in the white population in the United States, in Denmark, and among Israeli Jews. The disease was also shown by the study to occur twice as often among New York Jewish residents than it does among Protestants and Roman Catholics in New York.

SIR ISAAC WOLFSON ANNOUNCES \$1,960,000 GIFT FOR PROJECTS IN ISRAEL

LONDON, March 14. (JTA) -- Sir Isaac Wolfson, British philanthropist, disclosed here last night that the Wolfson family had made a contribution of more than 700,000 pounds (\$1,960,000) for projects in Israel.

The funds, which will be made available over the next seven years, will go for new housing in Acre. The projects will include 520 dwellings, two synagogues, a children's playground, a park, a hospital and other facilities needed by a modern community. One hundred thousand pounds (\$280,000) of the total is part of the funds pledged to this year's Joint Palestine Appeal.

800 JEWS LEAVE SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRIES TO SETTLE IN ISRAEL

RIO DE JANEIRO, March 14. (JTA) -- Some 800 Jewish immigrants left here today aboard the Greek liner Flaminia to settle in Israel. Sixty-four of the group were from Brazil, while the remaining members were from Argentina and Uruguay. An additional 44 Brazilians are scheduled to leave for Israel later this month.

LOS ANGELES JEWS HONOR FRANCE FOR AIDING ALGERIAN JEWISH REFUGEES

LOS ANGELES, March 14. (JTA) -- Baron Louis de Carrol, French Consul-General here, was presented here with a special award to the French people of the United Jewish Appeal campaign, for the French people's "outstanding generosity to more than 160,000 refugees" from Algeria. The ceremonies were part of the local area campaign opening, launching the United Jewish Welfare Fund's drive for \$8,056,170.

CHAIR FOR JEWISH CULTURE ESTABLISHED AT ROOSEVELT UNIVERSITY IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO, March 14. (JTA) -- The establishment of the David and Milton Ratner Chair in Jewish Culture and Literature at Roosevelt University was formally inaugurated today at the Standard Club in Chicago. Dr. Edward J. Sparling, president of the university, expressed his thanks to Dr. Ratner for providing the funds that made possible the Chair and stated that he hoped that "this program will contribute to the cultural and intellectual enrichment not only of the local community but of the nation as well."

JEWISH WOMAN TO REPRESENT BRAZILIAN PRESIDENT ON EDUCATION BCIV

RIO DE JANEIRO, March 14. (JTA) -- President Joao Goulart today appointed Paulina Kaz, active in Jewish communal affairs, as his representative in the group charged with coordinating plans for combating illiteracy, which runs as high as 50 percent in this country. Mrs. Kaz is a leader in the local Hebrew education movement.

JEWS IN SOUTH AFRICA LAUDED FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO NATION'S WELFARE

JOHANNESBURG, March 14. (JTA) -- The contributions of the South African Jewish community to the welfare and progress of the nation were lauded last night by C. F. Odell, South Africa's Deputy Secretary for Social Welfare, and J. F. Oberholzer, the city's new mayor. The officials spoke at the 70th anniversary banquet of the Jewish Women's Benevolent Society, one of South African Jewry's leading welfare organizations. The banquet was held in City Hall.