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## ADENAUER TO ISSUE STATEMENT ON GERMAN SCIENTISTS WORKING IN EGYPT

BONN, March 28. (JTA) -- Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, now vacationing in northern Italy, will soon make a public statement on the controversy over West German scientists working in Egypt on advanced weapons systems, it was reported here today. The draft of such a statement was understood to have already been considered at the meeting of the West German Cabinet here yesterday.

The West German Government meanwhile stuck to its figure of "about ten" as the number of West German scientists of academic status engaged in rocket work for the Egyptian Government. This figure excluded Prof. Eugen Saenger who was induced by the Government to quit work for Egypt in 1961. A Government spokesman was unable to give any other examples of official efforts to induce scientists to return from Egypt as had been mentioned in a statement given after the Cabinet meeting yesterday.

No details were available here today as to what steps the Government was considering in the situation, but steps were believed to have been reviewed at a meeting of senior officials of the Chancellor's office, the Foreign Ministry and the Ministries of Economics, Justice and the Interior held yesterday in preparation for the Cabinet meeting.

It was noted that the Federal Republic already has a law requiring government approval for the export of offensive weapons. One possibility which was suggested would be a new law requiring similar approval for West German citizens to take part in the production of weapons in other countries. Another possibility presumed under consideration was to bring pressure to bear on the scientists working in Egypt by making it clear they would thereby spoil their chances for taking up academic posts later in West Germany.

## Israel Receives Bonn Cabinet Announcement with Mixed Feelings

JERUSALEM, March 28. (JTA) -- The Israel Foreign Ministry declined comment today on the announcement by the West German Government yesterday that it was looking into the problem of West German scientists working on advanced weapons systems in Egypt. However, it was indicated that the Ministry plans to issue a formal comment soon.

The Bonn statement was received here with mixed reactions. While the reported censure of West Germans working for Egypt was welcomed and the statement was considered an advance over that made by the Bonn Government's press chief last week, it was noted that the essential question as to what actual steps the West German Government intends to take remained unanswered.

(The Associated Press reported today from Cairo that Egypt is developing a dart-shaped supersonic Jet fighter that will compare with the fastest and most deadly planes of the United States and the USSR.)

## W. J. C. Appeals to Bonn to Act on German Scientists Issue

LONDON, March 28. (JTA) -- The West German Government has "an inescapable duty and responsibility" to take all possible measures to prevent its nationals from collaborating in Egypt "in aggressive designs against the State of Israel, against the Jewish people and against humanity itself," the World Jewish Congress declared in a statement issued here today.

The statement said that Jews throughout the world were shocked by the disclosure that a large number of West German scientists and technicians were now working for the Egyptian Government on production of nuclear and other weapons intended for mass destruction attacks.

The statement added that there could be no question that the development and production of such weapons of mass annihilation were designed to serve the repeatedly-declared aim of the present Egyptian leaders to destroy Israel. The statement noted that a large proportion of the 2,000,000 Jews in Israel were the victims of Nazi Germany's barbarous onslaught against the Jewish people in which 6,000,000 European Jews were slaughtered.

The statement asserted that this crime of genocide was made possible and permitted through the technical knowledge and active aid by German scientists obedient to the demands of Hitler. The presence and work of West German scientists in Egypt must be seen against the background of the persistent anti-Israel and anti-Jewish propaganda campaign carried

out from Cairo with the advice and assistance of many Nazi war criminals who escaped justice and found refuge in Egypt where they encourage and support neo-Nazi and anti-Semitic movements in many countries, the World Jewish Congress said.

U. S. Requested to Study Egypt's Production of Weapons

NEW YORK, March 28. (JTA) -- United States Senator Jacob K. Javits, New York Republican, announced here today that he had requested the State Department to determine whether President Nasser of Egypt "is violating international law" through his program of developing non-conventional weapons aimed at the destruction of Israel.

The Senator made his statement in a message to an outdoor rally conducted in the heart of Manhattan's crowded Garment Center by Betar, known as Brith Trumpeldor of America, a group of Zionists Revisionists, to call for action on the entire issue. Several hundred persons attended the rally and heard addresses criticizing West Germany for permitting its scientists to work on the new Egyptian weapons program and calling on the United States Government to influence the West German Government to withdraw its scientists from Nasser employment.

Speakers who voiced these demands included Rabbi Louis I. Newman, rabbi of Rodef Shalom synagogue, Prof. Johann Smertenko, and Harry Torczyner, a member of the executive committee of the Zionist Organization of America.

STATE DEPARTMENT FAVORS CONTINUED AMERICAN ASSISTANCE TO EGYPT

WASHINGTON, March 28. (JTA) -- The Department of State today made known that it favors continued American assistance to Egypt despite that country's increased expenditures for arms.

James P. Grant, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, said "the Department of State does not believe United States aid contributes significantly to the United Arab Republic's capacity to acquire armaments nor would withholding assistance detract appreciably from that capacity." The statement was made in a letter to the Jewish War Veterans which had raised a question about increased American aid to Nasser at a time when Egypt is spending heavily of its own assets for German rocket scientists and Soviet jet bombers.

Mr. Grant said the bulk of American aid was in the form of surplus foodstuffs and the balance comprised of "development loans for specific development projects tied to procurement in the United States." He made clear that the United States was satisfied that Egypt's arms purchases from the Soviet Union "are acquired mainly through sales of surplus cotton" which, he said, Egypt has not been able to sell in Western markets.

BEN-GURION REPORTS ON ISRAEL'S SECURITY; NEW WEAPONS PLANNED

JERUSALEM, March 28. (JTA) -- Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion acting in his capacity of Defense Minister reviewed today before the Knesset Foreign Affairs Committee Israel's security situation in the light of changes in the Arab world developing from the most recent revolutions in several Arab countries.

He stressed that Israel's security rested on the deterrent capacity of its military forces and the country's international position. No other details of his review were disclosed. The Committee will discuss his review.

Meanwhile, it was revealed today that new equipment and "new categories of weapons" will be added to Israel's military capacity this year. The news was revealed by Major General Zvi Tsur, the Chief of Staff. Speaking before a graduation exercise of cadets, the Chief of Staff also said that the program will include formation of new units and training of technicians.

KNESSET BODY URGES SWIFT ACTION ON IMMIGRANTS FROM SOUTH AMERICA

JERUSALEM, March 28. (JTA) -- Parliament's Economic Committee urged today that the plans of the Government and the Jewish Agency to facilitate absorption of South American immigrants be "swiftly concluded."

The committee recommended that a central institution be set up for the absorption of self-employed newcomers and that special attention be given to the needs of such immigrants bringing small and medium amounts of capital with them.

A total of 6,000 immigrants from Latin America are expected to arrive in Israel this year, it was reported here by the Latin American Immigrants Association. A spokesman for the Association noted that 300 have already arrived in the country and an additional 600 were en route. Since the establishment of Israel, a total of 12,000 Jews from Latin America have immigrated to this country.

The spokesman noted that 70 percent of the immigrants from Latin American countries were under 35 years-of-age and most belong to the professional group. Some 60 percent of the newcomers have thus far settled in kibbutzim.

### YEVTUSHENKO CONFESSES 'ERRORS' AT MEETING OF SOVIET WRITERS UNION

LCNDON, March 28. (JTA) -- Yevgeny Yevtushenko, the Russian poet who was forced under official Soviet pressures to revise his poem "Babi Yar," confessed his "errors" at a meeting yesterday in Moscow of the Soviet Writers Union, it was reported here today from the Soviet capital.

"Babi Yar," which relates the tragedy of the Nazi murder of more than 80,000 Jewish men, women and children in a ravine by that name near Kiev during the German occupation of Russia, was widely interpreted in the West as a denunciation of continuing anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union. On a visit to Paris last month, the poet admitted he had made changes in the poem. He said he had done so because the West had used the original version for a propaganda effort to "pretend" that anti-Semitism was still widespread in the Soviet Union. The effect of the changes was to diminish the centrality of the Jewish victims in the atrocity.

Yevtushenko told the Soviet writers in Moscow yesterday that publication of portions of his autobiography in the French newspaper "Express," which contained some general comments on Russian life and literature was a "major error" prompted by "thoughtlessness." He also said that his aim in writing his autobiography was to refute "the reputation of an anti-Soviet rebel which the Western press has ascribed to me."

It was recalled that Premier Khrushchev had publicly criticized the poet for his treatment of the theme of "Babi Yar." The Premier claimed that the victims of the tragedy were not all Jews.

### JEWISH AGENCY, INC. AND J. D. C. CONSULT ON BUDGETS WITH C. J. F. W. F.

NEW YORK, March 28. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency for Israel, Inc. and the Joint Distribution Committee have entered into a budget information and consultation process with the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, the three agencies announced jointly today.

Both overseas agencies met separately with the Committee on Overseas Services of the CJFWF to initiate the process. The procedure at each of the meetings involved presentation of detailed information with respect to the budgets, financial experience and underlying needs and programs of the agencies, the largest participants in Jewish welfare fund campaigns throughout the United States.

Ample opportunity was provided for discussion, questions and reactions, and leaders of the three agencies agreed that the meetings were held in a cooperative atmosphere that resulted in a constructive mutual exchange of information and views.

Similar meetings will be held periodically during the year in order that the communities may keep abreast of current developments and to take account of changing needs and requirements. This cooperative process is expected to result in more widespread understanding in communities and a closer relationship to the work for the benefit of the Jewish people in Israel and other overseas lands.

Reports of the pertinent substance and developments at these sessions will be made available to the member communities of the CJFWF. Representatives of the JAI, Inc. at the meetings were: Gottlieb Hammer, executive vice-president and Dr. Isador Lubin, consultant. Representing the JDC were: Moses A. Leavitt, executive vice-president and Mrs. Dorothy Speiser, assistant treasurer. Chairman of the CJFWF Overseas Services Committee is Irving Kane of Cleveland, who presided over the discussions.

### JUDGE RIFKIND URGES KENNEDY TO PROVIDE FOR STUDY OF RELIGIOUS BIGOTRY

NEW YORK, March 28. (JTA) -- Former Federal Judge Simon H. Rifkind tonight urged President Kennedy to include in the proposed Federal mental health program provisions for study and treatment of racial and religious bigotry which Judge Rifkind described as "a major mental health problem in this country."

Judge Rifkind spoke at the Inaugural Dinner of the American Jewish Committee's 1963 Appeal for Human Relations, held at the Waldorf-Astoria. The 1963 Appeal goal is \$3,767,000.

Judge Rifkind, a national honorary chairman of the Appeal, hailed the Administration's use of "the legal powers at its disposal" to eliminate racial and religious prejudice. However, he urged that these actions, "which deal with the symptoms of bigotry" be joined with a program "to get at the root causes of prejudice."

"Such action," he added, "could do much to reduce intergroup tensions and conflict in this country. This is especially true in our large metropolitan areas, where intergroup friction has become one of the greatest domestic problems besetting America today." He said that the Federal Government should enlist the "experience and knowledge" of all community relations agencies "in mounting a nation-wide attack on the psychological roots of group tensions." He pointed out that the American Jewish Committee's oldest human relations agency in this country, pioneered scientific studies which "helped to place the bigot where he belonged, in the mental health column."

A. M. Sonnabend, AJC committee president, paid tribute to David Schwartz, who was guest of honor at the dinner, "as a communal and philanthropic leader whose aim is to help men reach their highest aspirations."

DR. NEUMANN TO ASSUME CHAIRMANSHIP OF JEWISH AGENCY IN NEW YORK

JERUSALEM, March 28. (JTA) -- Dr. Emanuel Neumann will assume the chairmanship of the Jewish Agency executive in New York on April 1, according to an agreement which provides that the post alternate yearly between Dr. Neumann and Mrs. Rose Halprin, it was announced here today at the Agency's plenary meeting.

Moshe Sharett, chairman of the Agency executive in Jerusalem, welcomed the newly coopted Herut member of the executive, Dr. Joseph Schechtman, who will join the New York executive.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN ELECTS MRS. WILLEN AS PRESIDENT

MINNEAPOLIS, March 28. (JTA) -- Mrs. Joseph Willen, New York civic leader, was today elected president of the National Council of Jewish Women at the biennial convention of the organization. She succeeds Mrs. Charles Hymes of Minneapolis.

The convention was addressed today by Miss Dina Karlin, assistant chief social worker for the Israel Ministry of Health, who called for increased social work training in Israel. Miss Karlin is one of 12 Israeli educators and social workers now doing graduate work in the United States through an NCJW overseas fellowship. One hundred and eighty-seven educators and welfare specialists from Jewish communities abroad have received Council fellowships.

NEW YORK MAYOR HONORS LEHMAN ON 85TH BIRTHDAY; FRIENDS CELEBRATE

NEW YORK, March 28. (JTA) -- Mayor Robert F. Wagner designated today as Herbert H. Lehman Day in New York in honor of the Jewish leader's 85th birthday. A group of 300 close friends celebrated Sen. Lehman's birthday at a gathering at the Plaza Hotel here.

Sen. Lehman is recovering from a broken hip suffered during a vacation in California. Despite his injury, he continues to be active in all major Jewish causes, including the United Jewish Appeal. He accepted this week the chairmanship of the Joint Commemoration Committee for observance of the 20th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising. The committee was formed by all major Jewish organizations to sponsor the observance on April 21 at Carnegie Hall.

DUTCH ERASMUS PRIZE AWARDED TO PROFESSOR BUBER FOR CULTURAL WORK

AMSTERDAM, March 28. (JTA) -- The famous Dutch Erasmus Prize for 1963 was awarded here yesterday to Martin Buber, the world-famous Jewish philosopher.

The prize is granted annually for special contributions to European culture and carries a cash award of 100,000 Dutch guilders (about \$28,000). Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands will present the prize to Dr. Buber on July 3.

CLEVELAND ATTORNEY LEAVES \$267,255 TO JEWISH COMMUNITY FEDERATION

CLEVELAND, March 28. (JTA) -- The Jewish Community Federation has received one of the largest bequests in its history, according to an announcement by M. E. Glass, president. By the will of the late Fred E. Bruml, attorney, the Charles and Emma Bruml and Theresa H. Bruml Fund in the amount of \$267,255 has been established in the Federation as a memorial to his parents and his wife.

The residuary estate is divided among the Federation and 18 other local, national and overseas institutions, both Jewish and non-Jewish. Among the non-local educational institutions receiving bequests are Brandeis University, Hebrew Union College, Hebrew University in Jerusalem, and Technion in Haifa.

A native Clevelander and a Life Member of Fairmount Temple, Mr. Bruml died while vacationing in Phoenix, Ariz., on February 21, 1961, in his 83rd year. He was a graduate of the Western Reserve University Law School in 1899 and practiced law continuously for 62 years.

FIRST PERFORMANCE OF PLAY ATTACKING ANTI-SEMITISM HALLED IN GENEVA

GENEVA, March 28. (JTA) -- The first performance in Geneva of Max Frisch's "Andorra," described as a "four-hour violent attack on anti-Semitism" was hailed here today as a great success. The play, also described as a remarkable study of the position of the Jews in a hostile world, portrays for its Swiss and international public in Geneva the birth and development of such prejudice.

The climax is the murder of presumably Jewish heroes. Each of the witness and accomplices in the killings explains to the audience that while they deplore the crime, they cannot feel personally responsible for what happened beyond their will. The play is skillfully performed by top rank Swiss actors.