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PRESIDENT KENNEDY ASKED TO CLARIFY U.S. STAND ON ISRAEL'S SECURITY

WASHINGTON, May 1. (JTA) -- President Kennedy was asked today to clarify the Administration's policy regarding Israel's security, in view of the new situation in the Middle East precipitated by open threats against Israel voiced in the declaration of the new tripartite United Arab Republic, composed of Egypt, Iraq and Syria.

The request was made by Rep. Leonard Farbstein, New York Democrat, in a letter asset to the President. The New York Congressman expressed in the letter his dissatisfaction with a statement made earlier by W. Averell Harriman, Under Secretary of State, regarding the employment of German scientists in Egypt for the development of rockets which, Mr. Farbstein had stated, "could lead to war,"

Terming Mr. Harriman's attitude a "hands-off" policy, Mr. Farbstein told the President that Mr. Harriman's expressed "deep and continuing interest in the security of Israel" is canceled "by the apparent negative position taken by him." He also pointed out to the President that the April 17 announcement in Cairo, for the formation of the Arab Federation, formally pledged the new Federation to "liberate Palestine."

"I am concerned," the Congressman told the President, "lest the hands-off approach of Mr. Harriman lend encouragement to Nasser or be intepreted to mean tacit approval of the hiring of German scientists and the development of offensive weapons. I urge you, therefore, to clarify our country's policy regarding the security of Israel."

State Department Opposes Terminating American Aid to Nasser

WASHINGTON, May 1. (JTA) -- The White House today worked on a response to the unexpectedly strong attack on the Administration's policy toward the United Arab Republic, which erupted in Congress this week from both Democrats and Republicans.

The response, it was learned, will take the form of letters from the White House to one or more members of Congress, to further amplify the President's views,

The State Department meanwhile sought to gain support for the defeat of an amendment proposed yesterday to the Foreign Aid Bill by Rep. Seymour Halpern, New York Republican, to sever aid to the UAR. The Helpern amendment would terminate aid to the UAR because of Nasser's aggressive missile build-up and continued acquisition of Soviet arms.

This amendment will be vigorously fought by the State Department, it was learned, on grounds that it would offend the UAR and complicate relations with Nasser. It was learned from U.S. official sources that the Department feels it is in Israel's security interests for America to improve Arab-American relations. This, said officials, would strengthen American influence in Cairo.

The State Department was stung by criticism voiced in Congress by Senators on the Foreign Relations Committee and others. Sen. Paul H. Douglas, Illinois Democrat, warned of "roadblocks" State Department career officers might use to block a policy fair to Israel. He charged that "the Foreign Service, under all Administrations, has tended to be pro-Arab."

Sen. Wayne Morse, Oregon Democrat, made an even broader attack. He said "the policy which has been developed concerning the Middle East by the Kennedy Administration cannot be reconciled with the basic, historic ideals of American foreign policy."

Senator Dirksen Calls Arab-Israel Crisis 'Explosive'

WASHINGTON, May 1, (JTA) -- Senate Republican leader Everett M. Dirksen issued a statement today, calling the Arab-Israel crisis "explosive and dangerous." Joining other Senators in bi-partisan expressions of fear of a possible United Arab Republic aggression against Israel, the Illinois Senator said the situation contained a threat of a third world war. He urged corrective measures.

"If we expect to maintain peace and to prevent a war erupting in the Middle East, we are going to have to monitor the situation very carefully," the Senator stated.

50 WITNESSES TO TESTIFY AT TRIAL OF TWO EICHMANN' AIDES IN GERMANY

FRANKFURT, May 1. (JTA) -- At least 50 witnesses are expected to be called upon for testimony when Hermann Krumey and Otto Hunsche, former aides to the late Adolf Eichmann, go on trial here for the mass murder of more than 430,000 Hungarian Jews during World War II, the public prosecutor's office disclosed here today. The date of the trial, expected to open in the near future, has not yet been set.

The indictment against the two men charges not only participation in the mass annihilation of the Hungarian Jews, but also blackmail. The latter count embraces their alleged complicity in the infamous "trucks-for-lives" deal, in which Eichmann was involved. Under that scheme, 1,000,000 Jews were to have been freed by the Nazis in return for 10,000 trucks.

The full-scale probe now under way into the activities of the two men may involve at least nine other arrests. Since Krumey was a major in the SS, while Hunsche was a captain, the prosecutor's office is investigating the wartime activities of other former SS officers who served in Hungary. There is a possibility that, among those still to be arrested, are former members of the German Embassy staff in Budapest during the war.

Bavaria Investigates Ex-Nazis Who Collaborated with Eichmann

BONN, May l. (JTA) -- Bavarian officials announced today that they have resumed probes into the wartime activities of ex-Nazis who collaborated during the war with the late Adolf Bichmann and the latter's principal assistant for The Netherlands, Erich Rajakovic. Rajakovic is now under arrest in Vienna, where Austrian authorities are investigating charges that, under Eichmann's jurisdiction, he had sent 110,000 Dutch Jews to the Nazi death camps.

One of the ex-Nazis being questioned now in connection with the deportation of the Dutch Jews is Wilhelm Zoeph. One of Eichmann's chieftains in Holland during the war, he is suspected of having been responsible for many thousands of deportations between 1942 and 1945.

Zoeph had been arrested on war crimes charges in 1960, but released in December of that year. Now, according to prosecuting authorities, he may be rearrested. New materials tying him in with the Rajakovic and Eichmann activities had been obtained from the United States Documentation Center for Nazi Archives. In addition, at least 10 persons have been located, who are ready to testify about Zoeph's work in Holland. Zoeph now lives near Munich.

153 JUDGES AND PROSECUTORS FORCED TO RESIGN IN GERMANY AS EX-NAZIS

HANOVER, May 1. (JTA) -- Twenty-four Judges and public prosecutors in Lower Saxony were disclosed today to have resigned under pressure for their participation in terror Judgements under the Nazi regime during the war.

The corresponding figure for all of West Germany was given as 153 such forced resignations. The data were disclosed at the last meeting of the Lower Saxony Parliament before the forthcoming elections for a new one.

ANTI-SEMITIC LEAFLETS DISSEMINATED IN MAILBOXES IN LARGE RUHR CITY

DUSSELDORF, May 1. (JTA) -- Leaflets bearing anti-Semitic attacks on Jews and on the West German trade union movement were found today in Herne, a large city in the Ruhr, mostly in mailboxes.

One of the slogans was "The Jewish race lies and agitates everywhere." Another declared that the trade union movement was "a Jewish business" and demanded that "all Jews be turned out of our union." The present chairman of the movement is a Jew, Ludwig Rosenberg.

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM HOLD PARLEY IN PARIS

PARIS, May 1. (JTA) -- A call to all democratic and resistance movements to "unite accordinate actions against renascent neo-Nazism" was issued here today at the conclusion of the national congress of the International League Ágainst Anti-Semitism.

The delegates also called upon all official and political authorities "to use all measures of defense, so as to prevent the resurgence of racism and anti-Semitism." The resolution urged the use of all information media, including radio and television, "to halt the spread of these racist and anti-Semitic manifestations."

CASABLANCA MUNICIPAL COUNCIL NAMES STREET AFTER MOROCCAN JEW

CASABLANCA, May I. (ITA) -- The Casablanca Municipal Council today decided to rename one of the city's streets, Rue Eleonore Fournier, after the late Ruben Tajouri, former representative in Morocco of the Alliance Israelite Universelle. The proposal on the new street name was made in the Council by Max Loeub, a Municipal Councillor and a member of the Casablanca Lawish Committee.

PAYMENT OF \$24,500,000 TO U.S. HOLDERS OF MATURED ISRAEL BONDS STARTED

NEW YORK, May 1. (JTA) -- Economic aid to Israel became a two-way highway today as the State of Israel began the payment of \$24,500,000 to American investors in its first Israel bonds maturing in 1963. Twelve-year savings bonds bought in 1951 are being redeemed on the basis of one hundred and fifty cents on the dollar,

At a ceremony marking the start of the redemption of the first bonds of the State of Israel to be sold in the United States, Israel Ambassador Avraham Harman said that "the people of Israel welcome the first day of the redemption of Israel bonds as a historic date in its calendar of progress," Leaders of the Israel Bond Organization Joined officials of the State of Israel at the Redemption Reception at the Israel Consulate.

In presenting redemption checks and founder-investor certificates to three holders of Israel bonds that matured today, Ambassador Harmar said: "We earnestly hope that not only the beginning of Israel bond redemption, but the additional dividends of many and far-reaching advances by the people of Israel in the building and growth of a vigorous democracy, will inspire continued confidence in and response to the Israel Bond campaign."

Leading participants in the ceremony at the Consulate General, in addition to Ambassador Harman, included Abraham Feinberg, president, and Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, vice-president of the Israel Bond Organization, and Ambassador Katriel Katz, Consul General of Israel in New York,

Dr. Schwartz Describes Procedures of the Bond Redemption

Describing the redemption procedures, Dr. Schwartz said that the Treasury of Israel had turned over to the Chase Manhattan Bank the sum of \$4,199,175 to cover the payments on all bonds maturing during the first month of redemption. Each month the amount of principal and interest due to holders of maturing bonds will be paid to the Chase which is the paying agent for Israel together with the Continental Illiaios National Bank and Trust Company of Chicago and the Bank of America National Trust and Savings Association in San Francisco.

Dr. Schwartz stated that Israel bond sales in the United States during 1951 totalled \$52,647,000, of which approximately 59 percent was in Coupon Bonds and 41 percent in Savings Bonds. Some \$5,000,000 worth of the Savings Bonds have since been retired prior to maturity through conversion into shares in Israel industries, tourist expenses in Israel, gifts to philanthropic institutions, and through payment to the estates of deceased registered owners. The remaining Savings Bonds, more than \$16,000,000, will be paid out at 150 percent, or about \$24,500,000 this year. The Coupon Bonds of the Independence Issue will not mature until 1966.

Reporting on the impact of redemption on the current drive to sell \$75,000,000 in Israel bonds during the current year, Dr. Shwartz said that the 1963 results to date are running substantially ahead of any previous year in the twelve-year history of the Israel bond program. Abraham Feinberg, President of the Israel Bond Organization, termed the redemption of Israel bonds "proof positive of the fact that we can have faith in the capacity of Israel to grow and to prosper."

CONVENTION OF JEWISH MEN'S CLUBS OPPOSES RELIGION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

KIAMESHA LAKE, N.Y., May 1. (JTA) -- A resolution reaffirming its long-standing opposition to sectarian practices in public schools was adopted here today at the closing session of a four-day convention conducted by the National Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs, a group affiliated with Conservative Judaism. Thel,000 delegates to the parley elected S. David Rosenzweig, of Trenton, N.J., as president, succeeding Philip Goldstein, of Washington, who was chosen honorary president.

Contending that protection of religious freedom, as guaranteed in the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, "includes not only freedom for religion but also, necessarily, freedom from religious indoctrination or control," the organization stated in its resolution that many religious bodies support Church-State separation in the public schools "because it is essential for the preservation of liberty and freedom of conscience for all."

Two other resolutions urged the United States and Canada to bring to the United Nations "for prompt consideration and action" the threat to Israel's security posed by the recent Middle East developments and by the Arab refugee problem. The general resolution on t this subject pointed out that Egypt's development of weapons, with the help of German scientists, and its sponsorship of the new Arab Federation, constitute "chief weapons" against Israel.

In regard to the Arab refugee problem, the convention urged the U.S. and Canadian governments to "initiate promptly effective steps," within the United Nations, "to settle the problem in a manner in accord with Justice and with the realities of the situation," Another resolution hailed Israel's 15th anniversary, saluting the Jewish State for the manner in which it has "faced problems of greatest magnitude" while "beset on all sides by hostile nations,"

FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES \$1,500,000 GIFT FOR MINNEAPOLIS JEWISH HOSPITAL

MINNEAPOLIS, May 1. (JTA) -- A gift of \$1,500,000 for the creation of an endowment fund was made here to Mount Sinai Hospital by the Phillips Foundation, headed by Jay Phillips, president of Mount Sinai since it was founded 12 years ago. In announing the gift and its acceptance, the hospital's board of governors declared that the new hospital wing, now under construction, will be næmed in memory of Mr. Phillips' late sister, Mrs. Bertha Phillips Fiterman. The new wing will have a 300-bed capacity.

Conditions of the endowment fund include: 1. Principal is not to be used for a period of 20 years without written consent of the Foundation; 2. The income to be used is to be determined by the board of governors of the hospital, with emphasis on the support of a teaching and research program; 3.At the end of 20 years, the funds become unrestricted, to be administered by officers of the hospital in the same manner as other funds.

The American Jewish World here, commenting on the gift, declared editorially:
"The Phillips Foundations gift of a million-and-a-half dollars to the Mt. Sinai Hospital
is a profoundly gratifying deed--an act of compassionate benediction. We, the townsmen
of Jay Phillips, the distinguished communal leader who heads the Foundation which has
made the extraordinary benefaction, pay him our tribute of appreciation for an uncalculably useful gift--and curadmiration for the utter selflessness of the deed,"

N. Y. FEDERATION GETS \$1,000,000 GRANT TO AID SERVICES FOR THE AGED

NEW YORK, May 1. (JTA) -- A grant of \$1,000,000 has been made to the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies here, for the establishment of a committee to coordinate services for the aged, Dr. Maurice B. Hexter, executive vice-resident of the Federation, announced today.

The grant was made by Jerome E. Malino and Monroe Goldwater, executors of the Henrietta and Stuart Hirshman Foundation. The new group, to be called the Hirschman Coordinating Committee for Services to the Aged, will, according to Dr. Hexter, "enable older persons and their families to receive the proper type of assistance at the right time."

MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR BEN-ZVI HELD IN MOSCOW AND OTHER WORLD CAPITALS

LONDON, May 1. (JTA) -- Diplomats representing 32 nations, a representative of the Soviet Foreign Ministry and some 400 members of the Moscow Jewish community attended yesterday a memorial service for the late President Lahak Ben-Zvi of Israel at the Moscow Central Synagogue, it was reported here today.

The service, which was entirely in Hebrew, was conducted by Moscow Chief Rabbi Yehuda Leib Levin, who chanted a prayer for the Soviet Government and for the world. Israel Ambassador Yosef Tekoah recited the kaddish. Among the diplomats attending the service were United States Ambassador Foy D. Kohler and British Ambassador Sir Humphrey Trevelyan.

STOCKHOLM, May 1. (JTA) -- Premier Tage Erlander, other government officials and heads of diplomatic missions attended memorial services here yesterday for the late Israel President Izhak Ben-Zvi. The King was represented by John Lagerberg, grand-master of ceremonies. Chief Rabbi Kurt Wilhelm eulogized President Ben-Zvi.

HELSINKI, May l. (JTA) -- President Urho Kekkonen, Foreign Minister Merikoski, the Bishop and Lord Mayor of Helsinki, senior Government officials, members of the diplomatic corps and other dignitaries were among those present at memorial services for the late President Izhak Ben-Zvi of Israel here yesterday. The services, which were held in Helsinki's Great Synagogue, were organized by the city's Jewish community.

OTTAWA, May 1. (JTA) -- Memorial services marking the end of the shiva--the seven days of mourning--for the late Is rael President Izhak Ben-Zvi were attended by 35 members of the diplomatic corps here, External Affairs Minister Paul Martin, representing the Government, other Government officials and members of the Jewish community. Israel Ambassador Yaacov Herzog recited the kaddish. Among the diplomats attending the services were the ambassadors of the United States, the Soviet Union and Erance and the British High Commissioner.

BUENOS AIRES, May 1. (JTA) -- High Government officials, including representatives of the Argentine Foreign Ministry and armed forces, members of the diplomatic corps and other prominent personalities were among those attending memorial services at the Libertad Street Synagogue here yesterday for the late President Izhak Ben-Zvi wof Israel. President Ben-Zvi was eulogized by Israel Ambassador Yosef Avidar and by Chief Rabbi Guillermo Schlesinger.

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