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### KENNEDY PLEDGES TO CHECK PREPARATIONS FOR AGGRESSION IN MIDDLE EAST

WASHINGTON, May 8. (JTA) -- President Kennedy declared today at his regular press conference that the United States, acting either through the United Nations, or on its own, would take steps to prevent or put a stop to "aggression or preparations for aggression" in the Middle East.

He made the statement in reply to a question from a correspondent as to what the United States policy was in the area--in view of recent developments there--to protect the security of Israel and Jordan.

The President did not refer to the 1950 Tripartite declaration between the United States, Britain and France, by which the three countries pledged to halt any changes by force in the existing Israel-Arab borders but he in effect reaffirmed that policy as far as the United States was concerned. He said:

"We strongly oppose the use of force or the threat of force in the Middle East and we also seek to limit the spread of Communism in the Middle East which would of course destroy the independence of the people. This government has been and remains as strongly opposed to the use of force or the threat of force in the Near East.

"In the event of aggression or preparations for aggression, whether direct or indirect, we would support appropriate measures in the United Nations, or adopt courses of action on our own to prevent or put a stop to such aggression. This of course has been the policy of the United States for some time."

#### Thinks Balance of Power Has Not Changed in the Middle East

The President opened his reply by declaring that he did not think "the balance of military power has been changed in the Middle East in recent days. Obviously there are political changes in the Middle East which still do not show a precise pattern on which we are able to make any firm judgment," he said.

He continued with the statement that the United States "supports economic, social, and political progress in the Middle East." He then said: "We support the security of both Israel and her neighbors."

He also said that the United States was seeking "to limit the Near East arms race which obviously takes resources from an area already poor and puts them into an increasing race which does not really bring any great security." He then gave assurance that the United States, acting either through the United Nations, or on its own, would act to prevent aggression or put a stop to it if it broke out in the Middle East.

### NINE SENATORS INTRODUCE RESOLUTION FOR DEFENSE PACT WITH ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, May 8. (JTA) -- A bi-partisan group of nine Senators introduced today a resolution calling for a tripartite mutual defense agreement with Israel and any other Near Eastern state "willing to join and carry out its obligations under such an agreement."

The resolution called on President Kennedy to initiate negotiations, in concert with the United Kingdom and France, to perfect a defensive accord to defend Israel against attack.

The resolution was sponsored in the Senate by Senators Jacob Javits and Kenneth Keating, New York Republicans; Thomas Kuchel, California Republican; John Pastore, Rhode Island Democrat; Winston Prouty, Vermont Democrat; Leverett Saltonstall, Massachusetts Republican, and Hugh Scott, Pennsylvania Republican; Clifford Case, New Jersey Republican; and Paul H. Douglas, Illinois Democrat.

The same resolution was co-sponsored simultaneously in the House of Representatives by Rep. James Roosevelt, California Democrat, and Seymour Halpern, New York Republican.

The resolution would "provide such military and other assistance and cooperation as may be necessary to protect the territorial integrity and political independence of any nation in the Middle East which is a party to such an agreement against armed attack by any other nation."

The resolution noted the threat to peace contained in the "arms build-up by the Arab states with the encouragement and support of the Soviet Union." The President would be

urged to invite Britain, France, and "any other interested nations" to join with America in defense agreements protecting Israel and any other Near Eastern state willing to assume obligations.

#### Senators Ask to Keep Nuclear Weapons Out of Middle East

WASHINGTON, May 8. (JTA) -- A resolution designed to keep nuclear weapons and mass destructive missiles out of the Near East was introduced in the Senate today by Majority Whip Hubert Humphrey, of Minnesota, Sen. Ernest Gruening, Alaska Democrat, and Senator Philip A. Hart, Michigan Democrat.

The resolution voiced the "sense of the Senate" that President Kennedy use his good offices with the states of the Near East to negotiate, either directly or through the United Nations, an agreement that nuclear weapons and mass destructive missiles will neither be produced nor introduced in the area.

The President would also be asked to try to institute an international policing system to enforce such agreements. The resolution also asked the President to reaffirm existing boundaries in accordance with the 1950 Tripartite Declaration and to seek an end to regional recriminations and incitements to violence.

#### American Policy in Middle East Assailed in Senate

WASHINGTON, May 8. (JTA) -- Senator Kenneth B. Keating, New York Republican, charged today in a Senate speech that the Administration continues to oppose direct Arab-Israel peace negotiations to avert war in the Near East, citing a communication from Assistant Secretary of State Frederick G. Dutton.

Mr. Dutton told Senator Keating that "On the subject of direct negotiations, the United States would very much like to see Israel and its neighbors come together for a resolution of their differences, in questions of armament as in other fields. We favor this means of settling disputes whenever there is a promise of a constructive outcome.

"When there is no such promise, as must regretfully be concluded in the case of the Arab-Israel dispute, an attempt to force such negotiations would heighten the very tensions which the quiet diplomacy of the United States in that area seeks to ease," Mr. Dutton continued. "It is by this path, by whittling away at specific issues, that United States influence can most effectively be used to create conditions that will offer the possibility of a constructive advance ultimately to a negotiated just Arab-Israel peace."

Senator Keating attacked American policy in the Near East, stating that "by encouraging the Arab union, by failing to act decisively to discourage the arms build-up in the Arab world, the Middle East is on the verge of an explosion which could engulf the whole world."

#### BEN-GURION TO TELL KNESSET MORE ON FOREIGN POLICY NEXT MONDAY

JERUSALEM, May 8. (JTA) -- Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion deferred today until Monday his reply to criticisms of his Government's foreign policy in Parliament. The debate will be concluded next week.

Virtually all participants in the discussions which followed the Prime Minister's Knesset statement earlier this week demanded a clear stand by the Government on the threats posed by the volatile situation in Jordan where supporters of President Nasser of Egypt have sought to drive King Hussein off his throne and by the projected new Arab federation of Egypt, Syria and Iraq.

Yisroel Galili of Achdut Avodah summed up the attitude of his party, which is a member of the current coalition Government, by stating that if Israel found itself abandoned by the Great Powers, it would have no choice but to put into effect measures to prevent its security from being endangered by the massing of declared aggressors along its eastern borders.

#### ISRAEL PRESS COUNCIL ESTABLISHED; EX-SECRETARY OF CABINET IS PRESIDENT

JERUSALEM, May 8. (JTA) -- The founding meeting of the Israel Press Council, established by the Editors Committee, the Israel Journalists Association and the Newspaper Publishers Council, today elected Zeev Sharef as its first president. Mr. Sharef, who held the post of secretary of the Cabinet for 10 years since the State was established, also served as Civil Service Commissioner and Director of State Revenues.

The purpose of the new organization is to maintain the level of Israeli journalism, ensure adherence by newsmen to a professional code, and safeguard the freedom of the press.

In a message to the meeting of the Council, Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion lauded the voluntary move by the Israeli press in establishing the organization and said that the standard of Israeli journalism did not fall short of that in the most enlightened countries. He said that if he had to choose between abuse of free expression and a suppressed press he would choose the former.

#### DUTCH SENATE APPROVES COMPENSATION PAYMENT TREATY FOR NAZI VICTIMS

AMSTERDAM, May 8. (JTA) -- The Dutch Senate approved today by a vote of 43 to 18 the Dutch-West German treaty providing 125,000,000 deutschmarks (\$31,200,000) to compensate Dutch victims of the Nazi era. The Senate acted after rejecting a Socialist plea for a bid for more indemnification.

## TWENTY CONSERVATIVE RABBIS FLY TO BIRMINGHAM TO BACK NEGRO DEMANDS

GREENFIELD PARK, N. Y., May 8. (JTA) -- Twenty Conservative rabbis, responding to a challenge from one of their leaders, left in a body last night for Birmingham, Alabama, scene of repeated and continuing demonstrations by Negroes against racial barriers in that city.

The challenge was posed by Rabbi Bernard Mandelbaum, provost of the Jewish Theological Seminary, in an address to a session of the 63rd annual convention of the Rabbinical Assembly of America, the association of Conservative rabbis now underway here.

Rabbi Mandelbaum told the 400 rabbinical delegates that it was a question how they could be concerned "only with Nazi cruelty when acts of injustice to fellow human beings were taking place in our country." Rabbi Theodore Friedman, RAA president, thereupon introduced a resolution to send a delegation to Birmingham which was overwhelmingly approved.

The rabbis then placed a telephone call to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in Atlanta and were told their presence in Birmingham was "urgent and of great importance." Just before they left, they received a telephone call from A. D. King, brother of Rev. Martin Luther King, a leader in the struggle for Negro civil rights who told them "This is the time to come."

The 20 rabbis boarded a plane for Newark after midnight to arrive in Birmingham at 5 a. m. after a stop in Atlanta. Expenses incurred by the 20 rabbis will be shared by voluntary contributions from delegates and that sum will be matched by an equal contribution from the RAA treasury. The delegates immediately contributed \$1,500 toward the expenses.

## 1,800 CHURCHES ADVISED ON POSSIBLE RULING AGAINST PRAYERS IN SCHOOLS

BOSTON, May 8. (JTA) -- The Massachusetts Council of Churches today advised its 1,800 member churches in this state to prepare their minds with "insight and understanding" for a possible ruling by the U. S. Supreme Court against compulsory worship or recitation of the Lord's Prayer in public schools. The Council's board of directors issued its statement in anticipation of an early ruling on the issue by the high tribunal.

Advising against being "overly concerned" if the Supreme Court should rule against public worship in schools, the Council stated: "Church and home should recognize their primary responsibility for religious nurture, and should strive constantly to increase their effectiveness in providing it for all their people."

"We should all continue," stated the board, "to seek for ways of relating religion and education in the life of the child, without doing it either through statutory religious observances in the public schools, or through widespread substitution of parochial schools for public schools." The board gave a number of reasons for its conclusions. Among these were:

- "1. Our religious concepts and motive should permeate the whole of our lives."
- "2. We deeply cherish American freedom and the privilege we have of worshipping God as we choose and of teaching our children whatever we believe to be true about Him--or even that He does not exist."
- "3. The opportunity for free education for all children, under the auspices of the community as a whole, and without discrimination, is a goal worthy of our fullest support."
- "4. Bible reading and prayers are of great value in an atmosphere of religious devotion and worship in home and church, but serious question has been raised about their value in the public schools, especially when the pupils are from varied religious backgrounds such as there are in most communities."

## Houston Jewish Community Opposes Religion in Public Schools

HOUSTON, Tex., May 8. (JTA) -- The entire Jewish community has lined up behind a statement adopted by the executive committee of the Jewish Community Council, and endorsed by the Houston Rabbinical Association, opposing the teaching of religion in the public schools here. The statement was drafted after more than six months of study, going through nine drafts before it was adopted.

Every rabbi in this community has read the full text of the statement from his pulpit. Referring to the courts as "the last resort," the Statement on Religion in the Public Schools urged "all responsible educators and public school officials, as well as religious leaders and laymen, to use every effort to make public school practices conform with fundamental American law and our country's tradition of religious liberty."

Charles Keilin, chairman of the Jewish Community Relations Committee, declared that the statement represents an initial educational program within the Jewish community on the important church-state issue. He said: "We have been concerned with the problem of sectarian religion in our public schools for many years; and in view of the Supreme Court decision last June, and anticipating those that are expected to be handed down shortly by the Court, we deemed it helpful to acquaint as many Jewish people as possible with the issues as we understand them."

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#### KLUTZAIK NAMED CHAIRMAN OF ELEANOR ROOSEVELT FOUNDATION CAMPAIGN

NEW YORK, May 8. (JTA) -- Philip M. Klutznick, former U. S. Ambassador to the United Nations Economic and Social Council and ex-president of B'nai B'rith, was named yesterday as national chairman of a \$25,000,000 nationwide campaign for the Eleanor Roosevelt Memorial Foundation. The appointment was announced by Ambassador Adlai Stevenson, chairman of the foundation.

The Drive will continue through November 7, 1964, the second anniversary of Mrs. Roosevelt's death. The funds will go to support some of her major interests, including aid to the poor, promotion of economic welfare and public health, and furtherance of international goodwill.

#### J. W. B. STUDY SHOWS LARGE NUMBER OF JEWS AMONG STUDENTS OF SOCIAL WORK

NEW YORK, May 8. (JTA) -- The National Jewish Welfare Board reported today that a new study has shown that the percentage of Jewish men and women becoming social workers is nearly five times as high as the percentage of Jews in the total American population.

The study was made by Arnulf M. Pins, director of the JWB personnel and training services. First year students in 63 graduate schools of social work in the United States and Canada provided information for the study. More than 14 percent of the 2,771 social work students filling out questionnaires were Jews. Only 3.01 percent of the American population is Jewish.

#### FIRE OF UNKNOWN ORIGIN CAUSES \$1,000,000 DAMAGES TO TORONTO SYNAGOGUE

TORONTO, May 8. (JTA) -- Fire of unknown origin, starting in a cloakroom, ravaged Beth Tzedec, one of the largest synagogues in America, last night causing damage estimated at \$1,000,000.

There were no evening classes last night and no injuries. Heaviest damage was caused to the ground floor and foyer corridors. Thirty-foot glass windows were smashed and a mural in the lobby suffered severe smoke damage. Rebuilding of the damaged sections of the seven-year-old structure was scheduled to begin immediately.

#### AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES MICROFILMS DOCUMENTS ON BRAZIL INQUISITION

CINCINNATI, May 8. (JTA) -- A collection of documents heretofore untapped by scholars anywhere, providing the records of the Portuguese Inquisition in Brazil in the 17th Century, is being acquired on microfilm here by the American Jewish Archives, which has its headquarters on the Cincinnati campus of the Hebrew Union College Jewish Institute of Religion, according to an announcement by Prof. Jacob R. Marcus, director of the Archives.

Acquisition of the microfilmed documents, said Prof. Marcus, was made possible by a gift from Mr. and Mrs. Irwin S. Rhodes of this city. Mr. Rhodes, an attorney, and his wife, head the Archives' legal documents section. Dr. Marcus made arrangement in Lisbon last year to acquire the documents.

According to Dr. Marcus, the documents are rich in reports in the files of the Inquisition relating to the persecutions of Jews and "Judaizers" who had emigrated in the 17th Century to Brazil, then a Portuguese territory. In some cases, the complete Inquisition Court dockets are available, showing that Jews were burned to death.

#### ANNIVERSARY OF SPANISH-JEWISH MAGAZINE CELEBRATED IN BUENOS AIRES

BUENOS AIRES, May 8. (JTA) -- More than 100 personalities of the Argentine literary world gathered here today to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the publication of "Comentario," the Latin American equivalent of "Commentary" magazine in New York, sponsored by the Argentine Jewish Institute for Culture and Information. Speakers at the gathering included Dr. Mario Scheingart, president of the Institute; Luis Emilio Soto, prominent essayist; Arturo Capdevila, veteran Argentine poet; and Dr. Hector Blas Gonzalez, national director for culture in the Ministry of Education.

#### DAVID ROSENSTEIN, LEADER OF AMERICAN ORT, DIES IN NEW YORK; WAS 67

NEW YORK, May 8. (JTA) -- David Rosenstein, president of the Ideal Toy Corporation, national vice-president of American Ort and member of leading Ort international committees, died at his home here today. He was 67 years old.

Born in New York City, Mr. Rosenstein occupied top posts in the United Jewish Appeal and in the New York Federation of Jewish Philanthropies. He was a former president of the National Federation of Settlements and Neighborhood Centers, chairman of the board of Conference on Jewish Relations and member of the reconstruction committee of the Joint Distribution Committee.