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## FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER TO DISCUSS MIDDLE-EAST SITUATION IN U. S.

PARIS, May 15. (JTA) -- The Middle East situation probably will be on the agenda when French Foreign Minister Maurice Couve de Murville meets with Secretary of State Dean Rusk in Washington on May 25, a French Foreign Ministry spokesman said here today.

It was generally believed that the French Foreign Minister would express his satisfaction over President Kennedy's declaration of support for Israel's security at his press conference last week. The French diplomat also was expected to seek to impress on United States officials he will meet, the need to maintain at all costs "peace and calm" in the Middle East.

Meanwhile, French officials were reported following closely recent developments in the Arab world, particularly in Syria. A French Foreign Office spokesman described the frictions between President Nasser of Egypt and the again dominant Ba'ath party members in Damascus as "very serious."

## British Premier Backs Kennedy's Views on Middle East

LONDON, May 15. (JTA) -- Prime Minister Harold Macmillan assured the House of Commons last night that he endorses the statement made in Washington by President Kennedy last week to the effect that the United States would take action, in the United Nations or outside the world organization, if Israel's armistice lines or the Arab armistice lines were violated.

Mr. Macmillan made his statement in writing, in reply to a question by Gilbert London, a Conservative member of Parliament. The latter had asked the Premier whether he would associate himself publicly with America's declared policy in the Middle East. Mr. Macmillan replied:

"Yes. I am glad to endorse the President's statement. Her Majesty's Government are deeply interested in peace and stability in this area, and are opposed to the use of force or threat of force there as elsewhere in the world. We are equally opposed to the interference by any country in the affairs of another, whether by the encouragement of subversion or by hostile propaganda.

"I cannot say in advance what action we would take in a crisis, since it is difficult to foresee the exact circumstances which might arise. We regard the United Nations as being primarily responsible for the maintenance of peace in the area. If any threat to the peace arises, we will consult immediately with the United Nations, and will take whatever action we feel may be required."

## KNESSET REJECTS MOTION TO DEBATE ISRAEL'S SELLING OF ARMS TO GERMANY

JERUSALEM, May 15. (JTA) -- A motion calling for a debate on Israel's policy of selling arms and uniforms to West Germany was defeated by the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, today, by a vote of 54 to 22.

The motion had been introduced by Menahem Beigin, leader of the Herut Party, in apparent retaliation for an attack on his party two days ago by Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion. The Premier had accused one of the Herut leaders of having "praised" Hitler back in 1933. Mr. Beigin bitterly assailed Mr. Ben-Gurion for that remark--later withdrawn by the Premier.

Today, Mr. Beigin charged Mr. Ben-Gurion with being the first to negotiate a treaty with the Nazis in 1935 when, as head of the Jewish Agency he negotiated the agreement for the transfer of Jewish capital from Germany at a time when the Zionist-Revisionist leader Vladimir Jabotinsky called on the world to boycott German products.

Levi Eshkol, Israel Finance Minister, replying for the Government, told the Knesset that the 1935 transfer agreement with Germany--known as Haavarah--has enabled many Jews to take out their money from Nazi Germany and rescued tens of thousands of Jews from falling into Nazi hands. He also said that the Israeli-made Uzzi submachine guns and uniforms being sold now to Germany do not constitute a strategic decisive contribution to Germany while their production helps Israel's industry and economy.

Meanwhile, today, the Knesset's presidium ordered a Parliament House Committee to summon four Herut leaders for "clarification" of the disturbance that occurred in the

Knesset today, during Mr. Ben-Gurion's address. The Knesset was forced to suspend its session for three hours because of that uproar.

The Herut leaders to be summoned for possible disciplinary action are Mr. Beigin, Haim Landau, Deputy Speaker Arie Ben-Eliezer and Yaacov Shofman. The latter was identified by the official minutes of Monday's stormy meeting as having been "the noisiest" among those who heckled Mr. Ben-Gurion.

A proposal that Mr. Ben-Gurion be summoned also before the same committee, on the grounds that he had "provoked" the noisy demonstration Monday, was voted down by the Knesset presidium.

The House Committee to hear the charges against the four Herut leaders is scheduled to convene next week. If the Herut representatives are found guilty of having caused the disturbance, they face suspension from the Knesset for four or five weeks.

#### JUDGE HALEVI NOMINATED TO ISRAEL'S SUPREME COURT AS TENTH JUSTICE

JERUSALEM, May 15. (JTA) -- Judge Binyamin Halevi, president of the Jerusalem District Court, was today nominated for the Israel Supreme Court. His nomination as the 10th justice on Israel's highest tribunal is subject to the formal approval of the President.

Born in Germany, Judge Halevi settled in Palestine in 1933, and has been president of the Jerusalem court since 1947. He was a member of the three-judge tribunal which tried Adolf Eichmann, and also presided at the Kastner-Gruenwald libel trial and the Kafr Kassem trial.

#### ISRAEL PARTICIPATES IN MEETING OF MINISTERS ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

GENEVA, May 15. (JTA) -- Israel's Minister of Commerce and Industry Pinhas Sapir arrived here today from Jerusalem to head the Israeli delegation taking part in the Ministers Meeting of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, which opens here tomorrow. Israel is one of more than 50 nations taking part in the conference.

Other members of the Israeli delegation include Ambassador Moshe Bartur, Israel's permanent representative in Geneva; Israel Galed, deputy director general of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry; David Golan, deputy controller of foreign exchange of the Finance Ministry; and Ephraim Haran and Moshe Itan, of Israel's permanent delegation to the European Headquarters of the United Nations in Geneva.

(In Jerusalem, the Finance Ministry announced today that it would seek an amendment to the Capital Investment Encouragement Law, to abolish special benefits hitherto given to foreign investors in securities traded on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange. One such benefit which would be eliminated by the measure now entitles the purchaser of such securities through the conversion of foreign currency to an eight-year exemption from income taxes.)

#### RESOLUTION AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM IN RUSSIA PRESENTED IN U.S. CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, May 15. (JTA) -- A resolution adopted by the legislature of the State of Pennsylvania, calling for American action to stem rising Soviet anti-Semitism, has been referred to both the United States Senate Foreign Relations Committee and the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

The Pennsylvania resolution noted increased injustices affecting Jews in the Soviet Union, and called on President Kennedy to "restate the position of the United States in opposition to these acts of discrimination against Jewish citizens" and have the American delegation at the United Nations pursue the matter. It also called for furnishing a copy of the resolution to USSR Prime Minister Nikita Khrushchev, and for State Department action.

#### BILL IN COMMONS AGAINST HATE PROPAGANDA RECEIVES STRONG SUPPORT

LONDON, May 15. (JTA) -- The National Council for Civil Liberties gave strong support today to a bill before Parliament for the eighth time which would make it a punishable offense to incite hatred of persons because of their color, race or creed.

The endorsement was contained in the organization's survey entitled "Civil Liberty, 1963." The bill is a special project by MP Fenner Brockway. Its provisions would apply to such incitements whether in print, orally or by illustration.

The Council also said it did not believe that proposed amendments to the Public Order Act by Deputy T. Iremonger, also now before Parliament, would meet the need. The Council stressed that the suggested amendments would not cover incitement by written matter. It pointed out that Austria, Denmark, Greece, West Germany, Italy, Holland, Norway, Sweden and Switzerland all had laws against such incitement but that there had not been any curtailment of civil liberties in those countries stemming from such legislation.

#### VIENNA ORDERS ALL SCHOOL CHILDREN TO VISIT WARSAW GHETTO EXHIBIT

VIENNA, May 15. (JTA) -- An impressive public exhibition commemorating the 1943 uprising of the Jews in the Warsaw Ghetto was officially opened here today, in the presence of Vienna Mayor Jonas, high Austrian Government officials, and members of the diplomatic corps, including Israel's Ambassador Natan Pelled. Dr. Neugebauer, president of the Vienna Municipal School system, issued an order calling upon all pupils to visit the exhibit.

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE STRESSES TRADE OPPORTUNITIES WITH ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, May 15, (JTA) -- The United States Department of Commerce reported today that Israel's economy, "despite some conflicting forces, continues to expand, and the brisk economic growth characteristic of previous years is expected to continue." The report emphasized that "this expansion, together with Israel's import liberalization program, should augur well for United States suppliers."

The report noted that the Israel Government was emphasizing the development of basic transportation and communication facilities and was encouraging the private development of industry. For these reasons, the Department added, "there should be particularly good opportunities for United States suppliers of electrical equipment, industrial machinery and construction equipment."

The report said that the program of import liberalization started at the beginning of 1962 and expanded further last October, "already has freed about half of all Israel import items from import licensing." The Department said that "relatively high duties had limited the effect of this move as far as an increase in imports was concerned but that the Israel Government had indicated its intention of exposing the local Israeli industry to foreign competition. "This should open the door to United States sales of a wide range of goods, including some consumer products previously restricted, such as household utensils, appliances and work tools," the report stated.

Israeli sources were cited in the report as listing "a record total imports into Israel during 1962 of \$612,700,000--a 4.5 percent increase over the \$568,300,000 figure for 1961. During the same period imports from the United States rose to \$201,500,000--a 28 percent increase over the 1961 figure of \$172,900,000. The United States, Israel's principal supplier, enjoyed almost 33 percent of the market in 1962 as compared with approximately 29 percent in 1961."

### U. S. Sales of Industrial Machinery to Israel Increasing

The report cited United States trade statistics as indicating that United States sales in 1961-62 rose from \$146,000,000 to \$174,900,000 and that United States suppliers "scored almost across-the-board increases in the major items of Israel's import portfolio. Significant increases were evident in the fields of industrial machinery and aircraft, while imports of the former, contributing to the rapid growth rate in Israel's industrial sector, rose from \$14,900,000 in 1961 to \$21,700,000 in 1962. At the same time, however, electrical machinery registered a slight decline from \$8,400,000 to \$8,200,000."

The Department said that while construction activity in Israel declined slightly toward the end of 1962, "the activity of the previous months in this field was reflected in larger sales of United States construction equipment up from \$3,800,000 in 1961 to \$7,300,000 in 1962."

Sales of United States vehicles of all types to Israel, including tractors, autos, trucks and buses, also scored increases from \$11,200,000 to \$16,300,000, the report noted, and exports of aircraft went up considerably, "registering \$17,100,000 for 1962 compared with \$9,600,000 during the previous year."

### Exhibition of U. S. Instruments in Israel Spurred Sales

Purchase by Israel from the United States of wheat and related grains from \$32,000,000 in 1961 to more than \$37,000,000 in 1962, the report said, "reflected a fairly high purchase level of surplus agricultural products under the United States PL-480 program."

The Department also said that "the favorable results of two exhibitions of scientific instruments held in Israel toward the end of the year suggest that such events can be of considerable assistance in increasing sales of United States goods. One of these, with 14 United States firms participating, resulted in the sale of 90 percent of the equipment available for sale, which included most of the instruments brought for the exhibition."

The report said that the importance of such endeavors "is underlined by the fact that West European countries are making similar efforts to penetrate the market in Israel which, up to the present time, has favored the United States with 60 percent to 70 percent of its foreign purchases of scientific equipment. United States exports to Israel of scientific and professional equipment amounted to \$1,600,000 last year."

## AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE OPENS FOUR-DAY ANNUAL MEETING TODAY

NEW YORK, May 15. (JTA) -- The 56th annual meeting of the American Jewish Committee opens here tomorrow to discuss problems concerning American Jewish life, security of Israel, and the position of the Jews in North Africa and other countries. One of the principal speakers at the four-day meeting will be Adlai Stevenson, U. S. Ambassador to the United Nations, who will receive the Committee's American Liberties Medalion "for exceptional advancement of the principles of human liberty."

A guide to aid public understanding of the complex issues of religion and public education in this country was published today by the Committee in connection with the annual meeting. There are now two cases before the United States Supreme Court which test the constitutionality of the recitation of the Lord's Prayer and Bible reading in the public schools. The entire issue will be discussed at the meeting.

#### CANADIAN TOWN ELECTS JEW AS MAYOR; FORMER MAYOR WAS ALSO JEWISH

MONTREAL, May 15. (JTA) -- Samuel Moskovitch, C. C., has been elected Mayor of the City of Cote St. Luc, succeeding Ben Paris, who had been Mayor for the past ten years. The new Mayor is a distinguished leader of the Jewish community of Montreal with a record of 25 years of service to both the general and Jewish communities of the city.

#### BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY GETS \$500,000 GRANT FOR COMMUNICATION RESEARCH

WALTHAM, Mass., May 15. (JTA) -- A grant of \$500,000 with which to underwrite and expand Brandeis University's recently established Communication Research Institute here was announced by the university today. The grant was given by Lester S. and Alfred L. Morse, and the Institute will carry their names.

It was also announced today that Brandeis University will offer advanced graduate training in contemporary Jewish studies on both a scholarly and professional level under a new program that will go into operation at the beginning of the next academic year. The Philip W. Lown Graduate Center for Contemporary Jewish Studies will feature scholarly training in disciplines relating to the civilization of contemporary Jewry. These will include American Jewish history, the sociology of the American Jews, American Jewish literature, Zionist history, modern Jewish history, and religious and cultural pluralism in America.

At the same time, the Center will offer a program in contemporary Jewish studies for young men and women planning careers in Jewish communal service and Jewish education. In these cases, a portion of the program will be conducted jointly by the Center and the university's Florence Heller Graduate School for Advanced Studies in Social Welfare.

#### 18 SAN FRANCISCO JEWS TO BECOME 'BAR MITZVAH' AT TEMPLE CEREMONY

SAN FRANCISCO, May 15. (JTA) -- Eighteen men whose average age is 42 will participate next Saturday in an unusual, mass "Bar Mitzvah" rite at Temple Beth Jacob, in Redwood City, near here, under the guidance of the temple's spiritual leader, Rabbi Herbert D. Teitelbaum, it was announced today.

The men have concluded two years of special study in Hebrew and in Jewish customs and traditions under Rabbi Teitelbaum's tutelage. All of them volunteered for such a class two years ago, when some members of the congregation, who had missed being Bar Mitzvah when they were 13, asked for such instruction.

The adult B'nai Mitzvah include one man with a doctorate in philosophy, four engineers, a steel company executive, and other professionals and businessmen. Among them, the B'nai Mitzvah have 48 children and two grandchildren. Nine of the adults have sons who had already celebrated their Bar Mitzvah. All but two are native-born. According to Rabbi Teitelbaum, all members of the special class plan to continue their education in Hebrew and Jewish traditions.

#### BRAZILIAN STATE LEGISLATURE HONORS ISRAEL; CALLS FOR ARAB-ISRAEL PEACE

RIO DE JANEIRO, May 15. (JTA) -- The State Legislature of Guanabara, which has its capital in this city, held a special session here today dedicated to the celebration of Israel's 15th anniversary. Sixteen members of the Legislature delivered addresses lauding Israel's democracy and achievements, all calling for peace between the Arab states and Israel.

Some of the deputies also took the occasion to appeal to the Government of the Soviet Union, asking that emigration from the USSR be permitted to those Russian Jews who wish to settle in Israel.

A surprising intervention during the session took place when the only Communist members of the Assembly, Sinval Palmeira, told the House: "The spirit of the ancient Hebrew prophets rules in Israel." He called upon the Arab countries to hold out "hands of friendship" to Israel and "understand Israel's problems." One Conservative deputy told the Communist: "Call upon the Soviet Government to stop persecuting its Jews," but Mr. Palmeira ignored that remark.

#### ISRAEL AMBASSADOR HONORED ON DEPARTURE FROM MEXICO FOR TOKYO POST

MEXICO CITY, May 15. (JTA) -- Mordechai Shneerson, until now Israel's Ambassador here, was received by President Adolfo Lopez Mateo, prior to his departure for Tokyo, where he has been reassigned as Ambassador to Japan by the Israel Government. A farewell luncheon in honor of Mr. Shneerson was tendered by the Foreign Minister, Manuel Tello. Many high officials of the Foreign Ministry, as well as a number of envoys from Western countries, attended the luncheon.

Ambassador Shneerson was also honored by the Mexican Academy of International Justice, which conferred an Academy membership upon him and upon Jorge Daesle Segura, Mexico's Ambassador to Israel.