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## TCP FRENCH GOVERNMENT LEADERS PLEDGE SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL'S SECURITY

PARIS, May 19. (JTA) -- A meeting here attended by more than 100 top French Government leaders, to mark Israel's 15th anniversary, became a forum at which specific pledges were made by the officials to support Israel's security in the Middle East and its hopes for continued trade ties with the six European Common Market countries.

The pledges followed an address by Walter Eytan, the Israeli Ambassador to France, who warned that Israel faced perils from both its Arab enemies and its European friends. The meeting, sponsored by the France-Israel Alliance, was attended by such leaders as Maurice Schumann, president of the French National Assembly's Foreign Affairs Commission; Gaullist party leader Raymond Schmittlin, Defense Minister Pierre Mesmer, Interior Minister Roger Frey, Finance Minister Valéry Giscard De Staing, Gaston Palewski, Minister for Nuclear and Scientific Research, and others. Paris Police Chief Maurice Papon and senior Government officials also attended.

Mr. Eytan, who had just returned from conferences in Israel with Prime Minister Ben-Gurion and Foreign Minister Golda Meir, said that "for the first time, three states--all members of the United Nations--have formed a federation whose constitution openly proclaims it is aimed at the destruction of another state, Israel, which is also a member of the United Nations." He added: "and the United Nations is doing nothing about it."

### Eytan Links Danger from Arabs to 'Customs Boycott' by Euromart

Mr. Eytan told the glittering assemblage that "even without the United Arab Republic Federation, peace is in danger because Egypt itself is the main aggressor and Egypt is well provided with arms and weapons of destruction by the Soviet Union, while another country gives financial assistance." The "other country" was understood to be the United States.

He then warned that there was "another danger, that of Israel being caught between the Arab boycott and a de facto customs boycott by its European friends. The success of Israel's negotiations with the Common Market, which are due to begin May 27, depends exclusively on the political directives which will be given by the Governments of the six member states. If such directives will not be forthcoming, the talks will bog down. French influence can be a decisive factor in the negotiations. We count on it."

Reassurances were promptly provided. Mr. Schumann said that the 1950 Tripartite Declaration of the United States, Britain and France, guaranteeing the existing Israel-Arab borders, was now "more binding, more urgent and more imperative than ever before."

Mr. Schmittlin pledged that the "weapons which Israel received yesterday" from France "and uses today, will not be lacking tomorrow." Mr. Mesmer declared that he greeted the Israel defense forces "which have given ample proof of their courage and service to the state." Gen. Pierre Koenig, chairman of the Alliance, recalled President Charles de Gaulle's toast to Israel in the summer of 1960, when he called Israel "our friend and ally." Gen. Koenig added that "the presence here of so many and such important French personalities shows that this toast still is alive and valid."

## ISRAEL BACKS KENNEDY PLAN TO CUT ALL IMPORT TARIFFS BY 50 PERCENT

GENEVA, May 19. (JTA) -- Pinhas Sapir, Israel's Minister of Commerce and Industry, conferred here today with Christian Herter, President Kennedy's special representative to the current Ministerial Conference of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and endorsed Mr. Kennedy's plan for cutting all import duties by 50 percent. Mr. Kennedy's plan for thus reducing world trade barriers is one of the major items before the current GATT conference here, being attended by 76 ministers from 26 countries.

Mr. Sapir made Israel's views on the issue known in a major address to the conference is weekend, when he told the ministers: "What is needed is the widest possible cuts in the shortest possible time. We ourselves are concerned about having our main agricultural exports--citrus fruit--included in the tariff reductions. Without this, without a wide range of reductions on industrial manufactured goods and chemicals, we feel that the term 'across-the-board reduction' is meaningless."

"We greatly welcome the initiative taken by President Kennedy and his Administration drawing the practical conclusions resulting from the success of the progressive dismantling

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of customs barriers within Europe," said Mr. Sapir. After referring to Israel's economic difficulties, he stated: "We look for new markets in Africa, Asia, Australia, Central and South America. But we have to maintain and expand our exports to our traditional markets of Europe and North America. It is essential that those countries from which capital goods for the establishment of industry were bought take some responsibility for allowing fair entry of the products made from these capital goods."

#### Sapir Confers with German Minister on Israel's Role in Euromart

Earlier, this weekend, Mr. Sapir and the members of his delegation held a long conference with Dr. Ludwig Erhard, West German Minister of Economics and the man designated as the possible successor to Chancellor Konrad Adenauer. A spokesman for Israel's delegation called the meeting "very important."

It was indicated that the principal subject of the talks was Israel's situation with respect to the six-nation European Economic Community, particularly in connection with the forthcoming renewal of talks between Israel and European Common Market, scheduled to start in Brussels on May 27.

Other members of the Israeli delegation meeting with Dr. Erhard were Ambassador Moshe Barar, Israel's permanent representative at Geneva; and Felix Shinnar, head of the Israel Mission at Cologne. Other high-ranking West German officials took part in the talks.

#### ISRAELI CABINET DISCUSSES PLANNED VISIT BY FORMER GERMAN DEFENCE HEAD

JERUSALEM, May 19. (JTA) -- A scheduled visit to Israel by West Germany's former Defense Minister, Franz Josef Strauss, was discussed at the weekly Cabinet session today when an unidentified Cabinet minister submitted a written question about the matter. Dr. Strauss is due to arrive next Sunday and to remain in Israel until June 7.

In replying to the question, Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion said that the invitation was extended some time ago, and noted that any Government minister may invite a foreign personality without prior approval. It was assumed from the Premier's reply that the invitation had been extended while Dr. Strauss was still in office and, although it was not stated in the reply, it was assumed that it was Deputy Defense Minister Shimon Peres who had invited Dr. Strauss.

Many Israelis are opposed to the visit. Herut has already announced that a protest demonstration will be staged at Lydda Airport when he arrives.

#### MEYER OBADIA, MOROCCAN JEWISH LEADER, ELECTED TO COUNTRY'S LEGISLATURE

CASABLANCA, May 19. (JTA) -- Meyer Obadia, president of the Casablanca Jewish Committee, and secretary-general of the Council of Jewish Communities of Morocco, was elected a deputy to Morocco's Chamber of Representatives, according to today's tabulation of Friday's voting in the general elections. He ran on the royalist FDIC ticket, which did rather badly in Casablanca, electing only one other member in this city--Interior Minister Reda Guedira. Mr. Obadia obtained more than 12,000 votes.

Another Jewish candidate, Meyer Toledano, a member of the opposition National Union party, was defeated, leaving Mr. Obadia the only Jewish member of the Chamber. Before the election, the extreme nationalist Istiqlal Party distributed pamphlets in Arabic asserting that a vote for a Jew was treason to the homeland. "It is for Jews to vote for Jews," the pamphlet declared, adding that "Moslems are united against Jews."

#### BRITISH JEWS TO FINANCE PLAN TO AID HEALTH OF MOROCCAN JEWISH CHILDREN

LONDON, May 19. (JTA) -- The Central British Fund and the British OSE today announced a project to improve the nutrition of Jewish babies in Morocco. The project, which has been accepted as part of the Freedom from Hunger campaign of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, will cost an estimated 13,000 pounds sterling (\$36,400) and will be financed by the two British groups through appeals conducted among British Jews.

The project, which is aimed at bringing the nutritional standards for Moroccan Jewish infants up to par with European children, includes the training of special personnel and the setting up of infant feeding demonstration centers.

#### CENTRAL AMERICAN ZIONISTS, COMMUNAL GROUPS HOLD FIRST PARLEY AT BALBOA

BALBOA, Canal Zone, May 19. (JTA) -- More than 100 delegates convened here today for the first Zionist and Jewish communal conference embracing all Jewish communities of Central America. Guest of honor at the conclave was Moshe Sharett, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, who arrived here today at the end of an extensive tour of Latin American countries.

Joshua Shai, Israel's Ambassador to the Central American countries, called on the delegates to integrate the Jewish communities of the region into a single well-organized community. Moises Mizrahi, a prominent member of the Panama Jewish community, is presiding over the conference, which includes delegations from Guatemala, Costa Rica and Panama.

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE URGES U.S. EFFORTS TO INSURE MID-EAST PEACE

NEW YORK, May 19. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Committee ended its 56th annual meeting here today with a resolution calling on the United States Government to "intensify efforts" to end the arms race in the Middle East and to guarantee the borders of all states in the region. A.M. Sonnabend, of Boston, was re-elected president of the AJC as the three-day session was concluded.

The resolution on the Middle East urged a five-point program which the U.S. should implement in its policy in that regard. The AJC urged that the U.S.A.:

"1. Clearly define what it would consider 'aggression'; 2. Intensify efforts to end the arms race in the area, meanwhile assuring that the balance of arms is not upset; 3. Provide a formal guarantee, upon request, of the independence and integrity of any state in the region; 4. Vigorously discourage the violent hate campaigns against Israel conducted by the Arab states; and 5. Re-evaluate the present U.S. policy of impartiality between peaceful nations and those nations pursuing belligerent policies inimical to the peace and stability of the Middle East."

In another resolution, the committee urged the West German Government to utilize "existing legal and administrative means" to prevent its scientists from contributing "to the war potential of the United Arab Republic." The statement cited "evidence that many of the Germans employed by the United Arab Republic are pro-Nazi and have expressed strong anti-democratic sentiments. The resolution stated:

"The AJC feels that the efforts of Western scientists and technicians to create a more powerful war machine has exacerbated tensions in the Middle East. These activities have increased the danger of an accelerated Middle East arms race which may lead to war."

Stevenson, Slawson, Address Parley; Other Top Officers Chosen

Adlai E. Stevenson, chief United States delegate to the United Nations, delivered one of the parley's principal addresses last night when he was awarded the AJC's "American Liberties" medallion. He denounced racial bigotry. The presentation was made by a previous recipient of the medallion, Jacob Blaustein, of Baltimore, honorary president of the American Jewish Committee. The organization's Institute of Human Relations Award was presented by Judge Joseph M. Proskauer to Leonard Goldenson, of the American Broadcasting Company.

Other major addresses were delivered by Mr. Sonnabend; Morris B. Abram; and Dr. John Slawson, executive vice-president of the Committee. Dr. Slawson, declaring that racial and religious bigotry in this country presented "a major mental health problem," urged that the Federal Government enlist the experience and knowledge of community relations agencies "in mounting a nationwide investigation of the psychological roots of group tensions."

Other top officers chosen today or re-elected, in addition to Mr. Sonnabend, were the following: Mr. Abram as chairman of the executive board; Ralph Friedman, chairman of the administrative board; William Rosenwald, chairman of the national advisory council; Maurice Glinert, treasurer; Arthur D. Leidesdorf, associate treasurer; Crin Lehman, secretary; and Dr. Slawson, executive vice-president. Named as vice-presidents were: Ely M. Aaron; Max William Bay of Beverly Hills; Irving L. Goldberg of Dallas; Philip E. Hoffman of Newark; Richard Maass of White Plains; Norman S. Rabb of Boston; Joseph Ross of Detroit and Leonard M. Sperry of Los Angeles.

Re-elected as honorary presidents were Mr. Blaustein, Louis Caplan of Pittsburgh; Herbert B. Ehrmann of Boston; Irving M. Engel; and Judge Proskauer. Honorary vice-presidents are: former Senator Herbert H. Lehman, Samuel D. Leidesdorf, James Marshall, Ralph E. Samuel, Horace Stern. Honorary chairman of the national advisory council is Fred Lazarus, Jr. of Cincinnati.

GOLDMANN LAUDS JEWISH RESISTANCE; HAUSNER RAPS GERMAN SCIENTISTS

NEW YORK, May 19. (JTA) -- The Jewish resistance movement during the Nazi regime in Europe compared favorably with the resistance offered by non-Jews, and all charges of cowardice against the Jews oppressed by the Nazis are "morally contemptible," Dr. Nahum Goldmann declared here last night. He was one of the principal speakers at a meeting held here by 600 survivors of the infamous Bergen-Belsen concentration camp, commemorating the liberation of that Nazi death factory.

Declaring that much blame adhered to "the leaders and peoples of the Allied countries, who, during World War II stood witness to the great tragedy of which they were informed," Dr. Goldmann said "there was more resistance from Jews than from any other segment of the European population."

Another of the speakers, Israel's former Attorney General Gideon Hausner, who had been chief prosecutor in the trial of the late Adolf Eichmann, warned the meeting that "Israel is now being threatened by neighboring countries who proclaim their intention of finishing off what Hitler and Eichmann left undone." Referring to the German scientists at work in Egypt now on deadly weapons intended for Israel's destruction, Mr. Hausner called upon the world powers "to ensure that all preparations for this openly proclaimed aggression be stopped at once."

#### SWASTIKA PLAGUE HARASSING TORONTO; JEWISH SCHOOL SMEARED WITH EMBLEM

TCRONTON, May 19. (JTA) -- A three-week spate of anti-Semitic vandalism continued here this weekend as a Jewish organizational center and a Jewish-owned shop in a Toronto suburb were smeared with swastikas. Targets of the vandals were the Borochoy Center, which houses a Yiddish-Hebrew School and Kindergarten and various Zionist and other Jewish groups; and a Jewish-owned variety store several blocks away. On both buildings, swastikas were smeared in black paint on the walls and doors.

Earlier this month, swastikas and the slogan, "Jews die," were found smeared on two synagogues in downtown Toronto. Toronto Chief of Police James Mackey assured a delegation representing the Canadian Jewish Congress-B'nai B'rith Community Relations Committee today that the police were giving the incidents their complete attention. The delegation consisted of Sydney M. Harris, national chairman of the committee, and J. S. Midanik, regional chairman.

#### ARSON SUSPECTED AS FIRE GUTS MONTREAL JEWISH SCHOOL, ENDANGERING 500

MONTREAL, May 19. (JTA) -- The Montreal police today assigned their top arson and bomb expert, Leo Plouffe, to investigate a fire, possibly of incendiary origin, which gutted seven of the 20 classrooms of the Jewish Folkschule this weekend, while the school's 500 pupils were in the lunchroom of the building.

Zave Ettinger, executive administrator of the school, disclosed today that a telephone call had been received by the school on the day before the fire, warning that the institution would be burned. He said police searched the school at that time, but no suspicious objects were found. Shloimeh Wiseman, principal of the 40-year-old school, said that regular classes would continue despite the fire damage.

#### INTENSIVE TEACHER TRAINING FOR HEBREW DAY SCHOOLS URGED AT PARLEY

FERNDAL, N.Y., May 19. (JTA) -- An appeal for an intensive teacher training program to provide the specially skilled educators needed for Hebrew day schools throughout the United States and Canada was made here today at the annual convention of the National Conference of Yeshiva Principals by Rabbi Joseph Elias, of Detroit, president of the organization.

Stressing the need "for a qualitative growth in day schools to match the quantitative growth over the past decade," Rabbi Elias told the delegates that "as more highly trained teachers become available, we will be able to raise our educational standards so that the day schools will have an even greater impact on our children." He cited the teacher shortage as "the major obstacle in the path of an even more rapid rate of growth in the movement over the next five years."

The day school educators were urged at the convention to give increasing attention to the physical training needs of their pupils, in line with President Kennedy's program for physical fitness among the nation's youth. Dr. Ephraim Wolf, a member of the executive board of the Conference, proposed that the schools inaugurate physical fitness tests to measure "the endurance capacity and limitations" of the pupils' physical performance, and that "physical education be made compulsory from the earliest grades."

#### SAMUEL WARNS OF DANGER TO ISRAEL AS CANADIAN LABOR ZIONISTS MEET

MONTREAL, May 19. (JTA) -- Viscount Edwin Samuel told 400 delegates attending the ninth convention of the Canadian Labor Zionist movement here today that Israel can withstand any forcible attack by Arab nations, if world Jewry will give full support to the Jewish State. The situation would be altered tragically, he said, if Russia actively intervened on the Arab side, or if the enemy had nuclear weapons.

Leon Kronitz, president of the organization, said that Canadian Jews are facing important decisions "as a result of the dynamic and changing conditions, not only in Canada but throughout the world." Another speaker who addressed the convention, which closed today, included Dr. Samuel B. Hurwich, former president of the organization who now lives in Israel.

#### REFORM TEMPLE AT EAST ORANGE, N.J., DEDICATES 'INTERFAITH CHAPEL'

EAST ORANGE, N.J., May 19. (JTA) -- The first interfaith brotherhood chapel to be part of a synagogal complex was dedicated here today when Temple Sharey Tefilo, a Reform congregation, formally opened a new, \$500,000 building that includes the chapel. The chapel was named after Rabbi Marius Ranson who, for 18 years, was the spiritual leader of Sharey Tefilo. Rabbi Ranson, now living in retirement in Florida, was present with his wife as the synagogue's guest of honor.

#### AMI ASSAF, ISRAEL'S DEPUTY MINISTER OF EDUCATION, DIES AT AGE OF 61

TEL AVIV, May 19. (JTA) -- Funeral services were held here this weekend for Ami Assaf, Deputy Minister of Education, and a leader of the Mapai moshav movement, who died Friday at the age of 61. He was stricken with a heart attack and rushed to Beilinson hospital just a few hours after he addressed a meeting of the Mapai Council. A member of the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, since 1949, he served as Deputy Education Minister for the past five years.