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## ISRAEL MAKES PUBLIC REPLY TO KHRUSHCHEV ON NUCLEAR-FREE PROPOSAL

JERUSALEM, June 9. (JTA) -- The Israel Government today made public the text of its reply to Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev who suggested declaring the Mediterranean as a nuclear-free zone.

Emphasizing that joint and coordinated action of the great powers could effect peace in the Middle East, the reply said that Israel will welcome any effective initiative that would remove the danger of war in the region. It stressed that Israel is a member of no military pact, has no nuclear arms and has provided no site for a military base, whether for nuclear or other weapons. "The preservation of peace is of vital interest for the existence of the State of Israel and the policy of Israel rests on that conviction," the reply stated.

The note cited Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion's statement in the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, which was made one week before the Soviet proposal was received and which declared: "If there was a possibility of a joint action between the United States and the Soviet Union not only to prevent an arms race but to bring about, as we propose, a general disarmament in Israel and the Arab countries, and along with that to guarantee the sovereignty and territorial integrity of all Middle East states, that would be one of the greatest acts of peace in the world."

The reply noted that Israel on many occasions had recorded opposition concerning the development of nuclear weapons and in every international forum had declared its readiness to support all measures to that end in every part of the world and, of course, in the Mediterranean area as well. Recalling that a Soviet representative at the United Nations had declared that peace was indivisible, the reply stated that those words, so valid then, are infinitely more apposite to the problems of peace today.

Israel constantly drew attention to the dangers to the peace of the region which stem from a policy of Arab governments and, in addressing the General Assembly last October, Foreign Minister Golda Meir reiterated an appeal to the Arab states to agree to general Israel-Arab disarmament with mutual supervision, the statement continued. "The support of the powers for this proposal would assuredly have thrust back danger in our region," the reply added.

### 'Inexact Interpretations' with Regard to Israel Seen in Soviet Note

Before dealing with the substance of the Soviet proposal, the Foreign Ministry's reply stated: "It is difficult to withhold certain observations touching on a number of errors, omissions and inexact interpretations in the Soviet note as far as the State of Israel is concerned."

While the Soviet note mentioned great sufferings from time immemorial of Mediterranean peoples ranging from ancient Egypt to Carthage, it ignored Israel, "one people whose place and historical cultural and political influence in this region are perhaps not inferior to those of the peoples mentioned," the statement stressed.

Similarly, the reply noted, when it described the feelings of millions who live in the region and dwell on the fact that nuclear armament is to be found at the walls of the Vatican, Jerusalem, Mecca and Medira, it referred only to Christians and Moslems as concerned with the welfare of those cities "but the note fails to refer to the Jews, although Jerusalem is the historical capital of the people of Israel, the city of the prophets who were first to preach the idea of universal peace and the city that has been sacred to the entire Jewish people from antiquity to the present day."

Furthermore, the reply stressed, contrary to what has been said in the note, Israel was compelled in October 1956 to defend its borders and the lives and property of its citizens against incessant acts of aggression, murder and pillage perpetrated by Egypt, and that Israel at no time bombed Cairo or Port Said; in fact they never attempted to reach either place.

### Says Soviet Supply of Arms to Arabs Undermines Peace

With regard to the fundamental assumptions of the Soviet proposal, the note said, Israel desires most solemnly to emphasize that every expression of appreciation about the danger of arming and nuclear warfare, and the initiative to labor for their prevention, evokes a most positive response. Israel has repeatedly and consistently sounded a warning

of the danger of nuclear rearmament and at the October session of the General Assembly went on record that: "Israel supports every means that may limit and decrease nuclear weapons worldwide," the note said.

Citing the Arab public threats to destroy Israel, the note stressed that in these circumstances, the supply of arms in vast volume to the Arab governments--and especially since the end of 1955 to Egypt--"with utter disregard of the policy of belligerency which those states follow, creates a direct threat to Israel and undermines international peace adding constantly to the risk of a conflagration.

"It cannot be foreseen to what consequences war may lead in our days even if it be only 'conventional' war, how it can be stopped and how it will end if it should break out in our region and bring disaster to all people in it," the note pointed out.

#### TRIAL OF ALLEGED ISRAELI AGENT SCHEDULED TO START TODAY IN SWITZERLAND

BASLE, June 9. (JTA) -- The trial of Joseph Ben-Gal, the alleged Israeli agent charged with having threatened the daughter of a German scientist working on the Egyptian program for the development of non-conventional weapons, is scheduled to begin here tomorrow. Under arrest since March 2, Ben-Gal was released on bail last month.

Before Ben-Gal was released on bail, the Bonn authorities had requested his extradition to West Germany, but the request was turned down by the Swiss Government. Professor Otto Jukelik, an Austrian scientist arrested with Ben-Gal on the same charge, is still in jail.

#### FORMER GERMAN DEFENSE MINISTER LEAVES ISRAEL QUIETLY; IS IMPRESSED

TEL AVIV, June 9. (JTA) -- Franz Josef Strauss, former West German Defense Minister, left Israel as quietly this weekend as he arrived after an 11-day visit which he said left him "deeply impressed" with the country's achievements. He was seen off by Deputy Defense Minister Shimon Peres and other officials of the Defense Ministry.

He hailed "the initiative and the spirit of sacrifice" he observed in the buildup of the country. He repeated his promise to do his utmost in the West German Parliament to bring about diplomatic relations between West Germany and Israel.

Mr. Strauss also lauded Israel for its collective farm settlements, industry, scientific and technological progress, as well as for the progress of Israel's army and air force. He expressed his gratitude to Israel's people for greeting him "correctly and in a friendly way."

#### SOVIET PERMITS TRANSFER OF REMAINS FROM KIEV JEWISH CEMETERY ABROAD

JERUSALEM, June 9. (JTA) -- Relatives and other interested persons wishing to transfer the remains of relatives from the old Likyanovka Jewish Cemetery in Kiev have until the end of June to seek such arrangements, it was indicated here today.

It was also indicated that the Soviets might again postpone construction of housing sites planned for the site with a possible further extension of the deadline. Requests for such an extension have been sent to Moscow by various Jewish groups.

There are about 10,000 graves in the cemetery and transfer of remains by Soviet Jews have been going on since January. Last April, at the request of the late President Ben-Zvi, the remains of Ber Berochov, founder of the Zionist Labor movement, were removed to Israel. Last week Rabbi Harry Bronstein of Brooklyn, N.Y., brought the remains of Rabbi Yosef Horowitz, founder of the Novhordok Yeshivot network, who died in 1930, to Israel.

According to information received here, Soviet authorities are ready to permit more transfers to Israel or anywhere else. Application can be sent to the Kiev Synagogue Council or to Moscow Chief Rabbi Yehuda Levine by mail or in person by those visiting Russia.

#### AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS OPPOSES 'GRADUALISM' IN RACIAL EQUALITY

NEW YORK, June 9. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Congress charged today that gradualism as a means of achieving racial equality had proved "a folly and a failure."

The Jewish Congress called on President Kennedy to move "boldly" in meeting what it called "the crucial domestic issue of our time--closing the civil rights gap between what the Constitution promises and the way millions of Americans live."

#### BONN GOVERNMENT ASKED TO BAN SCHEDULED REUNION OF FORMER NAZIS

BONN, June 9. (JTA) -- Two groups, the International Committee of Dachau Concentration Camp Inmates and the German-Jewish Study Association, today protested the holding of a rally next fall by former members of the Nazi S.S. in the German town of Hamelin.

The Dachau committee urged the West German government to ban the meeting and instructed its subsidiary councils in various countries to ask their governments to bar former members from traveling to Hamelin for the rally.

### BNAI ZION CONVENTION HEARS PLEA FOR GREATER JEWISH UNITY IN U. S.

MONTICELLO, N. Y., June 9. (JTA) -- The need for greater Jewish unity in the United States was emphasized here today at the 54th annual national convention of Bnai Zion, fraternal Zionist organization, which is being attended by more than 400 delegates.

Addressing the convention, Rabbi William Berkowitz, national vice-president of Bnai Zion, said there is "a definite need" for such unity, as well as for improvement in the area of Jewish education and for a deeper devotion to religion. "We have become a people minus a religious way of life. True there is much talk about a religious revival. However, it lacks depth and it lacks commitment," he stressed. The answer to the religious revival is not to be discovered in more buildings but what goes on in these buildings and who frequents them and how often. It is high time for us to bring an end to a Jewish religious life of emptiness--poor in content, lacking commitment and one only of convenience," he stated.

Max M. Varon, counselor to the Israel Embassy in Canada, predicted Israel will reach the three-million mark in population during the next decade and achieve a balanced industrial and agricultural economy with an organic link to all world markets. Mr. Varon also declared that "the Arab boycott, already in retreat, will have become a myth of the past within that decade."

Col. Jacob Laske, of the Israel Army, addressing a luncheon session dedicated to the Jewish National Fund, told the delegates that "a great danger lurks for the whole Jewish minority in the Galilee area unless the land there is speedily redeemed, reclaimed and settled by Jews in the near future."

He pointed out that the Arab population of Galilee is the largest in Israel and that now an estimated 140,000 Arabs live in Central Galilee, whereas within that Arab area there are only 2,000 Jewish inhabitants. He charged that Arab citizens hold many strips of land not used by them and not needed by them. They would sell their land but are afraid to do so because of Arab nationalism which grows stronger every day," he reported.

"The area is close to the borders and thus open to infiltration, which cannot be stopped," he said. "Espionage is the daily business of outside enemies and Arab citizens of Israel, who are becoming a daily threat. Some Arab land-owners are interested in leaving Israel to join relatives in neighboring states. But again, they are afraid of being killed. Others wish to sell their land at speculative prices, payable in foreign currency, even for the land they and their ancestors could not cultivate because it was unirrigated, barren and rocky. The Jewish National Fund wishes to redeem and reclaim this for security reasons.

Irving Mann, West Coast director of Bnai Zion, reported a record development of the organization of the West Coast through the establishment of nine chapters in the Los Angeles--San Francisco area, with a total membership of four thousand. These chapters will now start a \$50,000 project for a new youth center in Jerusalem. The center will bear the name of Fred Kahan, president of the Los Angeles Council of Bnai Zion and also a national vice-president of the organization.

### INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF JEWISH WOMEN OPENS IN CLEVELAND

CLEVELAND, June 9. (JTA) -- The sixth triennial convention of the International Council of Jewish Women opened here today with delegates of women's organizations in various parts of the world attending the four-day conclave. Among the subjects to be discussed during the sessions are community services, the United Nations, the status of women and Jewish education.

Speakers at the convention include Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver of Cleveland; Dr. Isaac Toubin, executive director of the American Association for Jewish Education; and Julia Henderson, director of Social Affairs for the United Nations. Among the delegates attending the convention are representatives of Jewish women's groups in Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, England, Germany, India, Iran, Israel, Italy, Mexico, New Zealand, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland and the United States.

### DR. SCHWARTZ FORESEES 1963 SALE OF ISRAEL BONDS AS BEST IN HISTORY

NEW YORK, June 9. (JTA) -- Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, vice-president of the Israel Bond Organization, left for Israel today to report to Finance Minister Levi Eshkol on the progress of the current campaign and to confer with him and other Government leaders on plans for 1964, when a new bond issue will be required to carry on the financing of the country's major economic development activities.

The sale of the present Israel bonds, the Second Development Issue, which started early in 1959, will be terminated early next year. During his visit to Israel, Dr. Schwartz will discuss with Mr. Eshkol and other members of the government, the economic requirements of the coming year and the role of the Israel Bond Organization in providing the needed development resources in the future.

Prior to his departure, Dr. Schwartz said that, based upon the results of the first five months, the 1963 Israel bond drive is running 15 percent ahead of last year. "If the present rate of increase is maintained during the balance of the year, it will result in the best campaign in Israel bond history," he stated.

# STATE DEPT. ASKED TO INVESTIGATE 'HARRASSMENT' BY ARAB DIPLOMATS

WASHINGTON, June 9. (JTA) -- Secretary of State Dean Rusk this weekend received a formal request from Sen. Hugh Scott, Pennsylvania Republican, to investigate the "harrassment" by Arab diplomats in Washington of Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson, wife of the Vice President, because she served as honorary chairman of an Israel Bond function.

Sen. Scott held that the Arab action was beyond the realm of protocol and propriety. He said in a letter to Mr. Rusk that "our government officials and their families should not be subject to such harrassment from a representative of a foreign government."

The Senator referred specifically to a letter from Najdat Safwat, Iraqi Embassy Charge d'Affaires, which denounced Mrs. Johnson's participation in the pro-Israel celebration. He told the Secretary of State, "I urge specifically that you investigate the matter with a view to determining whether the Iraqi official has not overstepped the boundaries of proper conduct rightfully expected of such officials." State Department officials said the matter would be taken under study but noted that no formal complaint had been made by Vice President Johnson.

## BLAUSTEIN GRANTS \$85,000 FOR U. N. SCULPTURE IN MEMORY OF HAMMARSKJOLD

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., June 9. (JTA) -- A grant of \$85,000 from the Jacob and Hilda Blaustein Foundation to cover the cost of a memorial to the late Dag Hammarskjold, Secretary General of the United Nations, was announced here today. The memorial, which will be a 21-foot high bronze sculpture mounted on a granite plinth, will be installed in front of the Secretariat Building.

Jacob Blaustein, a former member of the United States delegation to the United Nations, and honorary president of the American Jewish Committee, was a close friend of the late Secretary General. The grant for the memorial was consummated in an exchange of letters between Mr. Blaustein and Secretary General U Thant.

The late Mr. Hammarskjold had often expressed to his friends the wish that an appropriate piece of sculpture might some day adorn the circle in front of the Secretariat building and that it might be executed by Miss Barbara Hepworth, of England, whose work he admired. Miss Hepworth has already completed a cast of the sculpture, which has been titled "Single Form," and the work is now at a bronze foundry. It is expected to be unveiled in the spring of 1964.

## LUBAVITCHER YESHIVOTH BREAK GROUND FOR \$2,000,000 BUILDINGS

NEW YORK, June 9. (JTA) -- Ground was broken today for a \$2,000,000 complex of buildings to house the new headquarters of the United Lubavitcher Yeshivoth to be built in Brooklyn, to be named for the various cities in Europe where branches of Lubavitch were among the Jewish communities destroyed by the Nazis. The new building will include facilities for the elementary, high-school and rabbinical seminary departments of Lubavitch.

Among the thousands of persons taking part in the ceremonies were Senators Kenneth Keating and Jacob Javits; Congressman Emanuel Celler of New York; Paul Scervane, president of the City Council; Abe Stark, Borough President of Brooklyn; and Louis Kaplan, Investigations Commissioner for the City of New York.

Established in the United States 23 years ago, the United Lubavitcher Yeshivoth maintains branches throughout the world with a total enrollment of more than 15,000 students.

## DR. HAIM BOGAIR-BOGRATCHOV, FAMED ISRAEL EDUCATOR, DEAD; WAS 86

TEL AVIV, June 9. (JTA) -- Funeral services were held here today for Dr. Haim Bogair-Bogratchov, prominent educator and a founder and for many years principal of the famed Herzliya Gymnasium where he taught many of Israel's leading personalities including Moshe Sharett, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive. He died here yesterday at the age of 86.

Born in the Russian Crimea, Dr. Bogair settled in Palestine in 1906 and was among the founders of the Herzliya secondary school the same year. A General Zionist member of Israel's second Knesset, he was also a member of the Tel Aviv Municipal Council from 1920-1930 and had served as a member of the administrative council of the Jewish Agency and a member of the national committee of the Liberal party.

Thousands of his pupils paid their last respects to their teacher this morning when the coffin was placed in the new building of the Herzliya Gymnasium.

## HENRY M. BUTZEL, DETROIT JEWISH COMMUNITY LEADER, DEAD; WAS 92

DETROIT, June 9. (JTA) -- Henry Magnus Butzel, who was president of the United Jewish Charities of Detroit and member from Michigan of the United Jewish Committee, died here Friday, at the age of 92. He had served as a Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court until his retirement in 1955.

Mr. Butzel was elected to the Court in 1930 and was re-elected the following year. He served for 26 years on the bench and was Chief Justice from 1931 to 1932. He was twice elected to the presidency of the Detroit Bar Association.