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### MOSCOW'S SENTENCING OF JEWS FOR MATZOTH CONDEMNED IN U.S. SENATE

WASHINGTON, July 18. (JTA) -- Senator Jacob K. Javits, New York Republican, today drew the attention of the Senate to the Soviet trial of four Jews, three of whom were sentenced to prison, after Moscow trials for selling home-made matzoth.

All four Jews were convicted by a three-judge "Peoples Court" on charges of having profited from the sale of matzoth prior to last Passover, but one was freed because of his age and poor health.

Golko Bogomolny, a shochet, was given a one-year prison term. Two women defendants, Klavdiya Blyakhman, 52, and Malka Brio, 59, got six months each. Emil Katz, 82, the so-called "ringleader," was set free because he is an invalid. The court ordered that the four months already spent in prison be deducted from the sentences of the three who were given prison terms.

"The civilized world cannot remain silent in the face of this act of the Soviet Government, which is bound to stir up religious prejudice and dangers of persecution," Sen. Javits told the Senate. He said that "protests should be made by leading citizens and organizations in all countries where men prize freedom and the right to worship God without restriction or restraint."

Sen. Javits charged that "Jews are being made the scapegoats for the Soviet Union's economic difficulties, and have been the prime targets of Soviet persecution." He stressed that "the Jewishness of the defendants is emphasized by the Soviet Press, and they are described in the crudest stereotypes generally used in anti-Semitic campaigns."

### EGYPT'S NEW ROCKET IS INTENDED FOR DESTRUCTION OF ISRAEL, CAIRO SAYS

PARIS, July 18. (JTA) -- Egypt's new ground-to-air rocket, launched this week, is intended as a weapon against Israel, according to the Egyptian Government. An announcement in today's Cairo Information Bulletin, reported in dispatches received here today, stated openly that the type of rocket sent up July 15 "is destined for the destruction of occupied Palestine."

Informed French newspapers reported today that Egypt will show off, on "Revolution Day," July 23, an "array" of modern air and sea armaments created in Egypt by German scientists and technicians or acquired from the Soviet Union.

The "Independence Day" show will, reportedly, include a supersonic jet fighter, the HA-300, theoretically capable of flying at twice the speed of sound; the Russian SA-2 air rockets, seen for the first time in the last May Day parades in Communist satellite capitals; more Russian MIG-21 jet fighters; and the Komar rocket ships of Russian make. The latter have, until now, been given by Russia only to Cuba.

One of the "Independence Day" exhibits will center about the Egyptian rockets named "Al Tahir" and "Al Za'fir." These will be fired again, as they were last year. Egypt will presumably send up these rockets again to show "progress," but the conditions under which they will be sent up will attempt to obscure judgment on whether the German technicians working for Cairo have been able to resolve basic guidance difficulties which have plagued these rockets in the past.

### KENNEDY SENDS COMMUNICATION TO ESHKOL; WHITE HOUSE REVEALS NO CONTENTS

WASHINGTON, July 18. (JTA) -- The White House confirmed today that President Kennedy had written to Prime Minister Levi Eshkol of Israel, but declined to reveal the nature of the communication. Jerusalem dispatches described the missive as a continuation of correspondence Mr. Kennedy had previously conducted with the former Prime Minister, David Ben-Gurion. The correspondence reportedly concerned Mr. Ben-Gurion's appeal to both the United States and the Soviet Union for full guarantees of Israel's security.

### ISRAEL PLANS TO MAKE POUND FREELY CONVERTIBLE INTO FOREIGN CURRENCY

JERUSALEM, July 18. (JTA) -- The Israel Treasury is considering steps to make the Israeli pound freely convertible into other currencies, it was announced here today by Zvi Dinstein, Controller of Foreign Exchange.

Dr. Dinstein reported to a press conference here that Israel's foreign currency revenue increased by 14 per cent last year to a record high of more than \$1,000,000,000. At the same time, he noted, expenditures increased by less than two per cent to a total of \$879,000,000.

A stabilization of living costs in Israel was indicated this week in the announcement that the cost-of-living index for June dropped 1.1 points to stand at 127.9. As a result of the June drop, the average index standing for the past six months is about 0.3 per cent less than the three per cent required to increase the cost-of-living allowance paid to all wageearners in Israel. The allowance is fixed each six months on the basis of fluctuations in the cost-of-living index.

A survey by the Bank of Israel of the country's economy for the first five months of the year found that prices had remained stable in most consumer commodities despite a continuing increase in personal purchasing power. This increase was attributed mainly to continued receipt of German restitution funds from abroad and income from increased exports.

The survey, however, noted a 30 per cent increase in the value of securities in the first four months of the year, a marked growth in real estate speculation and a sharp increase in real estate prices.

### KNESSET REJECTS DEBATE ON BEN-GURION'S EFFORTS TO RE-VIVE 'LAVON AFFAIR'

JERUSALEM, July 18. (JTA) -- Two opposition motions for a full-scale debate on former Premier David Ben-Gurion's current effort to pursue the officially-closed inquiry into the touchy old "Lavon Affair" were defeated in the Knesset (Parliament) last night by votes of 54 to 39.

The affair involved Pinhas Lavon, Minister of Defense in 1954, who had been accused of responsibility for a never-disclosed "mishap" affecting the state's security. Since Mr. Ben-Gurion resigned the Premiership, last month, it has been disclosed that, prior to his resignation, he had appointed an Israeli journalist to study the documents in that case and survey the entire issue, although, officially, Mr. Lavon had been exonerated.

The motions for debate were introduced by the Herut and Liberal parties which charged Mr. Ben-Gurion was motivated "not by the needs of security" but by personal vindictiveness. Prime Minister Levi Eshkol defended Mr. Ben-Gurion, declaring that a Minister of the State, which Mr. Ben-Gurion was when he initiated the new journalistic inquiry, was empowered to assign any person he chose to study any subject under his jurisdiction. When he was Premier, Mr. Ben-Gurion was also Minister of Defense.

Meahem Beigin, leader of Herut, and Elimelech Rimalt, for the Liberals, recalled to the House that a Ministerial Committee had cleared Mr. Lavon of blame after an inquiry in 1961. They recalled also that, subsequently, the Knesset had accepted that committee's findings, and that Mr. Ben-Gurion had resigned over the issue, precipitating new national elections.

They insisted Mr. Ben-Gurion's new move was "illegal" and was made "on personal volition." Also that the move was dangerous because he made secret security documents available to a "journalist." But the House voted down the motions. Parliament also voted down a Mapam motion to submit the entire matter to a Knesset committee.

### JEWS IN HUNGARY LEAD AN ACTIVE JEWISH LIFE, HUNGARIAN RABBI REPORTS

NEW YORK, July 18. (JTA) -- "The Jews in Hungary lead an actively Jewish life and are being helped by the Hungarian Government in their efforts to do so," Professor Alexander Scheiber, director of the Hungarian Rabbinical Seminary in Budapest declared at a press conference here today. Prof. Scheiber is the first official representative of the Jewish community of Hungary to come to the United States since World War II.

"Our synagogues," he reported, "are well attended and our Jewish institutions, particularly of scholarship, enjoy a wide reputation. In addition to the 86-year-old Rabbinical Seminary, we have a Jewish high school and many Hebrew schools." While in the U.S., Prof. Scheiber had observed the work of the World Council of Synagogues. As a result, he said, he would urge the organized Jewish community in Hungary to seek affiliation with it.

### JEWISH AGENCY AUTHORIZES 12 DRIVES IN U.S. FOR ISRAELI CAUSES

NEW YORK, July 18. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency in New York today released the names of twelve organizations which it has authorized to conduct fund-raising campaigns for their respective programs in Israel, during the 1963-64 campaign year. They are:

American Committee for the Weizmann Institute of Science; American Friends of the Hebrew University; American-Israel Cultural Foundation; American Red Mogen David for Israel, (membership campaign only); American Technion Society; Federated Council of Israel Institutions; Hadassah; Jewish National Fund (for traditional collections); Mizrahi Women's Organization of America; National Committee for Labor Israel (Histadrut Campaign); Pioneer Women, the Women's Labor Zionist Organization of America; Women's League for Israel, Inc. (New York area only).

The list has been made public by the Jewish Agency's Committee on Control and Authorization of Campaigns which serves as a clearing-house for fund-raising activities for Israel in the United States. It was set up in 1949 under the auspices of the Jewish Agency and includes representatives of the National United Jewish Appeal, New York U.J.A., and the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds.

The Control Committee's action followed a review of the financial statements and promotional activities of the twelve organizations whose authorization was contingent upon their pledge to give priority to the United Jewish Appeal as the major source of philanthropic funds for Israel's immigration, absorption and settlement programs which today assume bigger proportions than for the past several years.

This priority on support for U.J.A. has been of paramount importance in the Committee's review of the information and plans submitted by the various agencies seeking Jewish Agency authorization. Since its inception 14 years ago, the Committee has served as a clearing house providing information and clarification with regard to charitable appeals, addressed to American Jewry on behalf of Israeli programs, either directly or through their American representatives.

Throughout the years, American Jewish organizations and individuals have looked to the Committee on Control and Authorization for guidance in dealing with these appeals. The Committee stresses that authorization of a campaign does not imply endorsement by the Jewish Agency, which invites contributors to Israel causes to inquire at its offices in New York for information concerning any fund-raising campaigns or activities on behalf of Israel.

### BRITISH JEWRY TO FINANCE J.D.C. PLAN FOR FEEDING INFANTS IN MOROCCO

GENEVA, July 18. (JTA) -- The project committee of Britain's "Freedom from Hunger" campaign has accepted a new plan worked out by the medical department of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, to help feed needy Jewish infants in Morocco, it was announced here today by Charles H. Jordan, overseas director-general for JDC. The Central Jewish Fund for Relief and Rehabilitation and the British section of OSE have pledged up to \$36,400 for implementation of the project, Mr. Jordan said.

The long-term goal of the project, the official said, is to ensure sound nutrition for infants and children up to the age of 3. By the latter age, the needy Jewish children become eligible for enrollment in the JDC programs in day-care centers, schools and supplementary feeding centers.

A key role in the new program, Mr. Jordan said, will be assumed by the OSE maternal and child care center at Casablanca. That center now serves an average of 3,000 children annually, thus reaching with its aid virtually every Jewish infant born in Casablanca. The new program will benefit not only the infants, but their mothers as well.

First priority, under the new project, will go to mothers and to infants under five or six months old. The aim is to assure infants who have reached the age of 12 months, a chance for an adequate and sound diet which would bring them safely through the next two years, when the JDC-supported kindergartens can admit them.

"Now that funds are available to start this new project," said Mr. Jordan, "JDC is confident that the training of the mothers as well as the feeding of their babies will go a long way toward overcoming the dangers from malnutrition during those early, formative years, which can leave such lasting disabilities for the rest of the children's lives." He added that "this is only a beginning."

### SALE OF AMERICAN ISRAEL MUTUAL FUND SHARES POSTPONED INDEFINITELY

NEW YORK, July 18. (JTA) -- A previously announced offering of 2,750,000 shares of the First American Israel Mutual Fund, which was to have been sold in the United States at \$10.00 a share, has been "indefinitely postponed," it was announced here today.

#### NEW YORK UNIVERSITY LITERARY AWARD PRESENTED TO ISRAELI NOVELIST

JERUSALEM, July 18. (JTA) -- Israel's foremost novelist, Shmuel Yosef Agnon, was today awarded the Irving and Bertha Neuman Award of New York University for his book, "The Fire and the Trees." Presentation of the \$1,000 prize was made at the Hebrew University here by Dr. James McNaughton Hester, president of New York University.

Professor Abraham Katsh, head of the NYU Institute of Jewish Studies and a member of the judges committee for the prize, said during the presentation ceremonies that the award also commemorated the 13th year since the introduction of courses in modern Hebrew in American universities, and the 15th anniversary of the first attempt by an American university to create a cultural bridge between Israel and the United States, in the form of NYU's seminars in Israel.

He said the U.S. Government deserved tribute for support of the NYU project which offered American Christian professors an opportunity to pursue Bible study in Israel. A message from former Premier David Ben-Gurion expressed gratification that the Institute, located in the city with the largest Jewish community in the world, reveals the deep appreciation of the significance of the Hebrew language.

In another ceremony at the President's residence, the Israeli writer Haim Hazaz was awarded an honorary doctorate by the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. President Shazar was present at the ceremony in which Professor Saul Lieberman, rector of the Seminary, conferred the degree.

#### DELEGATES FROM 41 LANDS TO ATTEND WORLD CONFERENCE OF JEWISH YOUTH

JERUSALEM, July 18. (JTA) -- More than 400 delegates from 41 countries, representing Jewish youth organizations with an aggregate membership of over 616,000, will participate here in the second World Conference of Jewish Youth, to open on August 4, according to an announcement today by Eliyahu Dobkin, head of the Jewish Agency's Youth and Hechalutz department.

A total of 204 Jewish youth organizations will be represented, he said, including organized Jewish youth from Yugoslavia and Jewish refugee groups representing Arab countries. The conference will include delegations from non-Zionist as well as Zionist organizations, religious and non-religious, sports clubs, B'nai B'rith youth, and Chalutzic organizations.

Scheduled to address the conference are Israel's President Zalman Shazar; former Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion; Dr. Nahum Goldmann; Dr. Abram Sachar, president of Brandeis University; Dr. Emanuel Rackman, vice-president of Yeshiva University; and Moshe Sharett, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive.

#### DR. WEINSTEIN ELECTED PRESIDENT OF COLLEGE OF JEWISH STUDIES

CHICAGO, July 18. (JTA) -- Dr. David Weinstein, associate in education at Harvard University, and field and budget director of Harvard University's language teaching program in Israel, was elected president of the College of Jewish Studies here. He is expected to assume his office next February.

Dr. Weinstein has been assistant to the dean and registrar at the Hebrew Teachers College in Brookline, Mass. He also served in the same institution as professor of language education, and as director of the department of adult studies. He is the author of "Hebrew Through Pictures," "Hebrew Reader," "Teacher's Guide for Harvard Graded-Direct Method of Instruction" and a Hebrew-English and English-Hebrew pocket dictionary.

#### FIRST JEW TO SERVE AS AMBASSADOR OF HOLLAND SWORN IN BY QUEEN

THE HAGUE, July 18. (JTA) -- The first Jewish ambassador to represent The Netherlands abroad, Dr. Raymond Henry Pos, was today sworn into his new post by Queen Juliana. Dr. Pos will be the Dutch envoy to Cuba. He is scheduled to leave for Havana on August 10. Dr. and Mrs. Pos were later luncheon guests of the Queen. Born in Paramaribo, Suriname, Dr. Pos served for many years as Suriname's minister to The Hague.

#### JEWISH COMMUNITY OF CURITIBA, BRAZIL, CELEBRATES ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

RIO DE JANEIRO, July 18. (JTA) -- The Jewish community of Curitiba, capital of the Brazilian state of Parana, today opened a weeklong celebration of the 50th anniversary of the founding of the first settlement in the city. Taking part in the ceremonies, were Nei Bragal, governor of the state, and Aryeh Eshel, Israel's Ambassador to Brazil. Among the events to mark the anniversary was the opening here today of the annual national congress of the Confederation of Jewish Communities of Brazil.