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## ISRAEL ENVOYS TO SIGN NUCLEAR TEST BAN PACT TODAY IN THREE CAPITALS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 7. (JTA) - The Israel Government announced today that Israeli diplomatic representatives will sign the Soviet-Anglo-American nuclear test ban treaty tomorrow in Washington, London and Moscow. The agreement bans all forms of nuclear testing in the air, in space or underwater but exempts underground testing.

Israeli Charge D'Affaires Mordechai Gazit will sign the agreement in Washington in the absence of Ambassador Avraham Harman who is currently in Jerusalem for consultations, along with Arthur Lourie, the envoy to Britain. E. Evron, the Israel Charge D'Affaires in London, will sign the pact in the British capital.

## SECRET U.S.-EGYPT TALKS ON HELP TO NASSER'S ROCKET PROGRAM CONFIRMED

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- Classified military talks between the United Arab Republic and the United States on assisting the Egyptian rocket program may be under way, a spokesman for the U. S. National Aeronautics and Space Administration said today. He added, however, that NASA itself has entered no such negotiations.

The State Department meanwhile sought to refute and dissuade publication of reliable reports which have appeared in recent days in highly reliable American scientific and trade journals, pertaining to American-Egyptian rocket negotiations.

The NASA spokesman conceded that, a year ago, Egypt's President Gamal Abdel Nasser opened the subject of training of Egyptian rocket technicians in the United States, and buying rockets and components here. But the matter was deferred, as far as NASA was concerned, and no action was taken, according to the Administration official.

Sources close to the State Department said the United States may have embarked on a highly secret move to gain influence with Nasser and sidetrack the Soviet Union by agreeing to help Nasser's rocket research.

Rep. Seymour Helpert, New York Republican, today made known that he opposed any American assistance to Nasser "until he terminates his Soviet military acquisitions" and proves himself devoted to peace by ending hostility toward Israel. "Until then," said Rep. Halpern, "any thought of a NASA-to-Nasser agreement is absurd and contrary to the national security interests of the United States. When you buy a dictator like Nasser, he does not stay bought."

Rep. Halpern is co-sponsor of the Keating-Halpern amendment to the Foreign Assistance Act, which would sever aid, subject to Presidential discretion, to nations like the UAR that acquire Soviet arms with their own funds.

## GOLDA MEIR WARNS THAT TEST BAN DOES NOT BY ITSELF SAFEGUARD ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, declared in Parliament today, that while the three-power nuclear test ban might lead to additional Great Power steps to safeguard the peace of the world and of the Middle East, it had not in itself eased any of the threats to Israel's security.

She made the statement during debate on proposals submitted by the Communist and Mapam parties for a Knesset debate on a Soviet proposal for an atom-free zone in the Mediterranean area, and for a ban on all arms shipments to the Middle East. Both motions were overwhelmingly rejected.

She declared that, when the Government rejected earlier proposals in the Knesset for support of a Soviet proposal for an atom-free Mediterranean zone, this was done in order not to divert attention from the real threat to Israel's security. In that regard, she asserted, the nuclear test ban changed nothing and, she added, the proposal to support such a nuclear-free zone would be meaningless, creating illusions which ultimately would be dangerous to Israel.

She attacked the proposal for debate on a total ban on arms shipments to the area with the assertion that there was a sharp distinction between supplying arms to aggressors and to defenders. The Government, she added, could not accept the leftist version of neutralism,

and she called for outright stoppage of delivery of weapons to the Arab countries, "who proclaim day and night their intent to destroy Israel."

In the search for good relations with other countries, great and small, she stated, Israel's security came first--and "not one jot" of that security would be sacrificed in the name of good relations.

#### Eshkol Asserts Israel Backs All Efforts for World Disarmament

Prime Minister Levi Eshkol also spoke on the issues raised by the nuclear test ban agreement. He replied to questions raised by Communist deputies Shmuel Mikunis and Moshe Sneh. One question was about Israel's policy on arms delivered to the Middle East and the other concerned the proposal offered by former Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion in which Mr. Ben-Gurion had suggested a mutual defense treaty between the United States and Israel.

The Prime Minister reaffirmed that Israel backed all efforts for world disarmament, including disarmament by Israel and the Arab countries, and cessation of arms deliveries, provided there was reciprocal and international supervision of such cessation and disarmament. On the other question, he reaffirmed Israel's desires for friendly relations with all countries, including the Soviet Union.

#### HARRIMAN SEES TEST BAN, U. S. POLICY ON EGYPT, BENEFICIAL TO ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- W. Averell Harriman, Undersecretary of State, who negotiated the tripower nuclear test ban agreement, today told the 68th annual national convention of the Jewish War Veterans of the U. S. A. that he saw hope that elimination of sophisticated weapons in the Middle East might ensue from the test ban pact now pending before Congress.

Mr. Harriman said, however, that it would be against Israel's interests for the United States to diminish its support of the United Arab Republic, because such support gave America "influence" with President Nasser's regime. He declared that he thought "one of the things that would come out of the general disarmament discussions would be the elimination of sophisticated weapons in the Middle East. That would be a very, very important step."

He said that, "as far as I am concerned, the army that I respect is the Israeli Army. I think they can take care of themselves." He told the veterans:

"If the Egyptians are going to get whatever weapons they are after, if we help them or not, it is perfectly possible for Israel to match them if there is an arms race, and I hope they would do it. But I don't believe that it is in the interests of Israel for the United States to stop having any influence in the Middle East. I think our influence is the greatest for peace. And if we refuse to have anything to do with any of the Arab countries until they do what we want them to do about Israel, it will be against the interests of Israel.

"I think the position that we are now in, is one where we have a certain influence, not as much as we would like, and the direction we would like, but which is the way to eventually make the possibility for Israel to live in peace. If we should drop our contacts and economic relations and general interest in the development of the Arab countries, I think it would add to the danger of Israel, rather than contribute to its security."

He said his comments on the importance of American ties with Nasser as in Israel's best interest, reflected his "honest judgment" as a friend of Israel since the Truman Administration.

He commended the JWV for its "sound-thinking" on world issues, and urged adoption of a resolution supporting the nuclear test ban treaty by the Senate.

#### Tells Veterans U. S. Is Trying to Get Russia to Free Jews

While the main portion of Mr. Harriman's address pertained to the background of the test ban treaty which he negotiated for the U. S. A. in Moscow, he also touched on the situation of the Jews in Russia. He told the Jewish War Veterans that America was trying to get the Soviet authorities to permit Jews to leave Russia but, he said, he did not know whether America could accomplish anything in that regard, declaring: "I don't know that we can do anything about it except that we have been constantly trying to get them to let the Jews leave the country."

"There are all sorts of abuses within the Soviet Union which we abhor," he stated, "and it is a tragic thing that anti-Semitism still exists in the Soviet Union in spite of the claims that they have no racial or religious discrimination. I think it is very, very important for all of us to constantly hold out the real facts that exist about anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union."

"I think world-wide pressure will perhaps tend to relieve their present condition, and I hope that all of us will continue to work for the elimination of the abuses that exist in the Soviet Union--not only to the Jewish people but to many other people."

#### JWV Executive Warns Against Nazi Plans to Provoke Rioting

JWV national executive director Joseph F. Barr stated at the convention that, while District of Columbia police acted wisely in denying the American Nazi Party the "right"

to stage a mass counter-demonstration against the scheduled August 28 Negro rally here, special vigilance is needed to prevent the Nazis from fomenting and provoking violence.

Mr. Barr said that the Nazis were trying to "entice psychopathic personalities and violence-prone hotheads to come to Washington on August 28 to stir up an outbreak calculated to discredit the non-violent character sought by the Negro groups. "

Police have denied a formal permit to Nazi-like organizations to parade on August 28, but said the Nazis could assemble on the Washington monument grounds, and walk about in small groups, carrying signs and picketing. Mr. Barr said that he could understand the free speech considerations involved under constitutional guarantees, but, nevertheless, thought the deliberate attempts to provoke a riot must be kept under careful scrutiny.

#### NEPALESE MINISTERS TO VISIT ISRAEL; STUDENTS TRAINED IN JEWISH STATE

NEW DELHI, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- The Israel Government is currently offering scholarships in medicine, agricultural engineering, cooperative enterprises and youth leadership to students from the Himalayan Kingdom of Nepal, it was announced here today. The announcement was made in connection with the arrival here of 11 Nepalese students on their way home, after spending 18 months in Israel, engaged in such studies.

It was also announced that three members of the Nepalese Cabinet will visit Israel in the next few weeks. The officials are the Ministers of Agriculture, Food and Forests.

#### BRITISH CENTRAL FUND PROVIDES VACATIONS FOR ALGERIAN REFUGEE CHILDREN

LONDON, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- Twenty Jewish child refugees from Algeria, Tunisia and Morocco were brought to London today from France by the British Central Fund for a month's holiday. The children were chosen on the basis of particular need for such a holiday, and the situation of their parents.

The 10 oldest children left for Scotland to stay in a camp operated by an Orthodox organization. The 10 others were sent to a similar camp in Oxfordshire. Hopes were indicated that similar holiday vacations could be provided for more refugee children in France.

#### LITHUANIAN JEWS HEAR FIRST CONCERT OF YIDDISH SONGS SINCE JOINING USSR

LONDON, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- A concert of Jewish music and Yiddish songs, the first since the Lithuanian Republic joined the Soviet Union, has been presented at the Lithuanian holiday resort of Palange, where a huge square was jammed for the open-air performance, with persons from all parts of the republic, it was reported here today from Warsaw.

The program included traditional Jewish songs, including Hassidic melodies, and also modern pieces by Soviet Jewish composers.

#### 524 ARGENTINE, URUGUAYAN JEWS SAIL FOR PERMANENT SETTLEMENT IN ISRAEL

RIO DE JANEIRO, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- The S. S. Princess de Leopoldina, a ship chartered by the Jewish Agency for the transport of immigrants to Israel from South America, sailed from this port today for Haifa, carrying 524 Jews from Argentina and Uruguay. All are going to Israel for permanent settlement.

At the same time, Agency officials announced that 70 Brazilian Jews have been scheduled to sail from Rio de Janeiro, August 24, for settlement in Israel.

#### NINE ISRAELIS LEAVE FOR U. S. A. FOR STUDY UNDER NCJW FELLOWSHIPS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- Nine Israeli educators and social workers, who have been awarded fellowships for study in the United States by the National Council of Jewish Women, were given a reception today by Social Welfare Minister Josef Burg prior to their departure for America.

The recipients and their special fields of study are: Yonathal Gali, high school administration; Yitzhak Genegar, special education; Miss Sarita Leibovici, psychiatric social work; Jacob Kellner, graduate study; Avinoam Kaplan, natural sciences teaching; Mrs. Alissa Missyoric, child guidance; Miss Bracha Sieradski, psychiatric studies; and Mordechai Tzur and Dr. Meir Shapira, vocational training.

#### UNIVERSITY OF RIO DE JANEIRO TO ESTABLISH CHAIR IN HEBREW CIVILIZATION

RIO DE JANEIRO, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- A Chair in Hebrew Civilization will be established at the University of Rio de Janeiro on August 14 and will be held by Rabbi Henrique Lemle, of the congregation of German Jews here, it was announced today. The courses will include Hebrew language, culture and literature.

#### CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY TO PUBLISH BOOK BY JEW UNDER FOUNDATION GRANT

PITTSBURGH, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- Duquesne University, a Roman Catholic Institution, will publish the first English translation of a book by a Jewish scientist now available only in French. The author is Dr. Aron Gurwitsch, and the book is "The Field of Consciousness," an analysis of human perception. The National Science Foundation gave Duquesne a grant of \$9,840 for this project.

U. S. ARMY BANS RELIGIOUS INDOCTRINATION, CAUTIONS ALL CHAPLAINS

NEW YORK, Aug. 7. (JTA) - The American Civil Liberties Union disclosed today it had received assurances from the United States Army that every effort would be made to avoid any religious indoctrination of Army personnel against their will.

The ACLU said it had received the assurance in a letter from Army Deputy Under-secretary Alfred B. Fitt, sent in response to a complaint about a specific incident which was filed by the ACLU. The complaint dealt with a recent "Character Guidance" lecture held for Army Security Agency School personnel in Fort Devens, Mass.

The ACLU asserted that the presentation last December 5 "consisted of the showing of a film, 'Brother Jupiter' presented by The Order of St. Francis which concerned 'The Nativity.'" As part of the program, the ACLU complained, the chaplain delivered a sermon directed solely to Christians, "although the audience was composed of non-Christians as well."

Lawrence Speiser, director of the organization's Washington office, added that the organization would still be concerned "even if representatives of all religious faiths gave sermons to such a mixed audience." He stressed that "the enlisted men at the program were being inducted into the armed forces and "had absolutely no choice in the matter, either as to being in the Army or being at those training programs."

The Army official said in his reply that an inquiry had revealed that a chaplain "did depart from the prepared text" of his presentation at the December 5 lecture. Mr. Fitt assured the ACLU that the Chief of Chaplains would "emphasize the necessity of adhering to approved instructional material" in the future.

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE EXECUTIVE HEADS MIAMI BOARD ON RACE ISSUES

MIAMI, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- Seymour Samet, head of the Greater Miami chapter of the American Jewish Committee, has been named temporary executive director of the Dade County Community Relations Board, which was set up here, after lengthy debates in the general community, to deal with racial tensions.

The Jewish Floridian here reported that the American Jewish Committee turned the tide in the debates over the need for such a board. Approval of an emergency Dade County ordinance to establish the board signaled success of the chapter's long and patient efforts to achieve creation of a community-wide agency capable of bringing together Negro and white leaders, representing the three faiths, the Floridian reported.

MRS. CAROLINE K. SIMON, NEW YORK SECRETARY OF STATE, NAMED TO COURT

ALBANY, N. Y., Aug. 7. (JTA) -- Gov. Rockefeller announced today the appointment of Mrs. Caroline K. Simon, New York Secretary of State and Jewish communal leader, to be a judge of the New York Court of Claims. The appointment is subject to confirmation later this year by the New York State Senate.

Mrs. Simon has been Secretary of State since 1959. A native of New York City, she has held many major government posts. She has been commissioner of the New York State Commission for Human Rights, commissioner of the New York State Youth Commission, and legal adviser to the United States delegation to the United Nations Human Rights Commission.

Mrs. Simon is a member of the executive committee, administrative committee and community activities commission of the American Jewish Committee, and honorary chairman of its New York chapter. She is a member of the board of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, and of the New York Metropolitan section of the Hillel Foundations.

DR. ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN SUCCEEDS SHAZAR AS HEAD OF WORLD HEBREW UNION

JERUSALEM, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- Dr. Israel Goldstein, chairman of the Keren Hayesod, was today elected president of the World Hebrew Union. Dr. Goldstein, who is the first American to be named to the post, succeeds Israeli President Zalman Shazar, who was named honorary president of the organization. Morris Margolin, of New York, was elected to serve as president of the editorial board of Hadoar, the only Hebrew weekly published in the United States.

ALBERT B. GROSS, ONE OF FOUNDERS OF UNITED JEWISH APPEAL, DIES AT 94

NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y., Aug. 7. (JTA) -- Albert B. Gross, a prominent Jewish communal leader and philanthropist, died here yesterday on his 94th birthday. He was one of the founders of the United Jewish Appeal.

Born in Hungary, Mr. Gross came to the United States at the age of 15 and subsequently became a leader in the fur industry in this country. His philanthropies included the establishment of a scholarship fund through the Albert B. Gross Foundation at the Ch'ean Sofer Yeshiva in New York. The fund helped to subsidize the religious and secular education of many young men from South America and Europe.