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## EBAN SAYS NUCLEAR TEST BAN WILL NOT SPEED ARAB-ISRAEL RAPPROCHEMENT

JERUSALEM, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- Deputy Prime Minister Abba Eban, asserted today that developments within the Arab world were more likely to influence Israel-Arab relations than any effects of the three-power nuclear test ban, and that any rapprochement between Israel and the Arabs could not be expected in the near future.

Addressing a Jerusalem Journalists Association dinner in his honor, the former Ambassador to the United States said that East-West differences in the past was only one source of regional tension. Another, he said, was the bickering and jockeying for position among the Arab rulers and what eventually became a "competition in the hatred of Israel."

Replying to a question about Israel's orientation in the great power differences, he said that the only one possible was an "Israel orientation." He explained that the Israel Government did not dare to base a policy on any one country or continent, but had to strive toward international orientation, using its reservoir of goodwill wherever it existed.

Israel's security, he added, was based on maintenance of deterrent power against possible aggression, and strengthening of its international status. It was for the latter reason, he declared, that Israel sought normal relations with Red China, as it does with other countries.

He told another questioner that there was no question but that the friendship of the United States was one of Israel's greatest political assets. He cited the constant United States support "for the viability of our economy" and its policy of concern about the military balance in the Middle East.

He also disclosed the imminent implementation of an extensive program of economic and social progress for the Arab populace of Israel. He said this included "active consideration" concerning the future of military government in Arab-populated areas. This issue has touched off sharp debates in Israel.

## JAVITS, HALPERN SEE NASSER WAR THREATS VS. ISRAEL NULLIFYING U.S. AID GOALS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- Attention of both the Senate and House was directed today to statements by Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser telling his troops to prepare for war against Israel. The Nasser position was cited as nullifying the objectives of the Foreign Aid bill before Congress.

Sen. Jacob K. Javits, New York Republican, told the Senate that American assistance to Nasser "only feeds the fire of intransigence and war in the Middle East." He said Nasser's newly voiced belligerence was in "direct contravention to the objectives of our foreign aid program." He said further that aid to Nasser must be linked to a cessation of Middle East hostilities and the arms race in the region.

In the House, Rep. Seymour Halpern, co-author of the Keating-Halpern amendment, said the Foreign Aid bill was before Congress "at the very moment that Nasser openly proclaims his intention to destroy Israel by force of arms, and diverts his own resources to buy Soviet weapons and hire ex-Nazi technicians." The Keating-Halpern amendment would sever aid to nations diverting their own funds to purchase Soviet weapons and threaten neighboring states.

Rep. Halpern cited recent remarks by Under Secretary of State W. Averell Harriman in which Mr. Harriman justified continued assistance to Nasser on grounds that this was good for Israel, in that it increased American "influence" in Cairo. The Congressman, a New York Republican, said that "if this dubious line of thinking held merit, one might try to increase our influence in Moscow or Peiping by sending lavish appeasement gifts." He declared that "Nasser must be diverted from the collision course for war, and Congress has a responsibility to withhold assistance from a nation so obviously and openly bent on aggression."

## COJO VOTES TO CONTINUE VATICAN CONTACTS ON EVE OF ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

GENEVA, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- Delegates to the World Conference of Jewish Organizations who convened their semi-annual meeting heretoday, decided unanimously to continue COJO efforts in full conformity with a memorandum delivered to the Vatican several months ago. The memorandum was believed to be concerned with the issue of Catholic-Jewish relations as a possible subject on the agenda of the Ecumenical Council, which is reconvening next month in Rome.

With Label A. Katz, president of B'nai B'rith, presiding, the meeting opened with a review of the world Jewish situation by Dr. Nahum Goldmann. Dr. Gerhart Riegner of the World Jewish Congress, and Dr. A. Ehrlich of the International Council of B'nai B'rith, then reviewed the work of COJO in Rome in preparation for resumption of the Ecumenical Council. They analyzed prospects for the future in connection with policies in the light of recent developments. COJO instructed them to remain jointly responsible for the continuation of these activities in Rome.

## AMERICAN ORTHODOX RABBIS CALL FOR APOLOGY FROM ISRAELI JUDGE

JERUSALEM, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- The delegation of American Orthodox rabbis currently visiting Israel protested to Justice Minister Dov Joseph today concerning the widely criticized remarks about Jewish religious doctrine made by Supreme Court Justice Haim Cohen at the American-Israel dialogue here last June.

Declaring the Justice's remarks were made against "the foundations of Halacha (Jewish religious law)," the six rabbis asked the Justice Minister to persuade Justice Cohen to apologize and "atone for his insult to the Jewish people." The Justice had compared applications of Jewish religious law in determining Jewishness in Israel with the Nazi racist Nuremberg laws.

In a related development, police authorities rejected an application from Arieh Wagoner, a Jerusalem attorney, for prosecution of Justice Cohen under the criminal code ordinance, "for causing injury to religious feelings." The attorney had previously sought a Din Torah (Religious Court hearing), but Justice Cohen declined to attend such a hearing on grounds that the Israel rabbinate had prejudged the issue by making a public criticism of him.

The police told the attorney that they did not regard his request as being in the public interest, and referred him to the Attorney General's office. Meanwhile, Deputy Premier Abba Eban declared that he identified himself with Mr. Joseph, who had described the Justice's remarks as an "error" and said that the discussion of the matter in Parliament last week closed the issue.

## PARLEY HOLDS JEWS, ESPECIALLY ISRAELIS, SHOULD AVOID STUDIES IN GERMANY

JERUSALEM, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- Delegates to the Congress of the World Union of Jewish Students condemned today study by Jews--particularly Israelis--in West Germany, and opposed official relations with that country and its youth organizations. According to Congress data, some 200 Jewish students are studying in West Germany, and about 150 of them are Israelis. Most of them are attending schools in Berlin, Frankfurt and Munich.

In a series of resolutions which made no reference to Zionism, the delegates stressed the importance of Israel in Jewish life, Hebrew study and Jewish students in other countries as the vanguard of activities of Jewish communities outside Israel.

The delegates elected Manfred Gerstenfeld of Holland president, and Andrew Greystone of Britain as senior vice-president. Increased activities of Jewish student organizations were reflected in the election of a vice-president for each region, in addition to the customary single vice-president for Israel. The organization set up a special secretariat, to be located in Buenos Aires, which will serve all Latin American countries.

## AMERICAN TOURISM TO ISRAEL DECLINES, AS EUROPEAN VISITORS ARE ON INCREASE

JERUSALEM, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- Tourism from Europe in the first half of 1963 rose, compared with the same period last year, while tourism from the United States fell in the comparable period, it was announced here today. European tourism rose from 32 per cent to 41 per cent of all tourism to Israel, while that of the United States fell from 34 per cent to 30.6 per cent.

The period included three months of tourism following a ban on charter flights to Israel, and it was assumed that the introduction of group flights from the United States failed to compensate for losses caused by the ban. Israel is almost the only country banning charter flights and refusing landing rights to such flights. All major European countries not only offer charter flights but have stepped up such services. This is done through affiliates of the official airlines, an arrangement which permits them to adhere to the ban of the International Air Travel Association while disembarking Israel-bound passengers at Cyprus. From there, the travelers go to Israel by boat.

The only exception on landing rights is for pilgrimage tours from Europe and the United States, but these have fallen off considerably. The issue is expected to come up for reconsideration next fall.

12 BRAZILIAN JEWS REPATRIATED FROM USSR AFTER MOSCOW 'SIT-IN'

RIO DE JANEIRO, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- After conducting a "sit-in" in the Brazilian Embassy in Moscow for several months, a Jewish family, consisting of 12 persons, has been permitted repatriation to Brazil. The family, named Sissman, arrived here today.

The Sissmans were part of a group of Brazilian Jewish families who went to the Soviet Union three years ago thinking that they would find greater freedom there, as compared with Brazil. After living in Moldavia, a Rumanian province, for three years, the Sissmans requested permission to go back to Brazil. Other former Brazilian Jews also sought similar permission. When the Sissmans received no authorization for their exit, they went to Moscow entered the Brazilian Embassy, and stayed there. The arrival of the Sissmans here today was believed to have marked the first instance of Soviet Governmental yielding on the issue of repatriating foreigners who had settled in the USSR.

Meanwhile, today, the Brazilian Government was negotiating with the Soviet authorities for the repatriation of the other former Brazilian Jews in the USSR who want to go back to their old homes. The negotiations include non-Jewish Brazilian nationals as well, numbering a total of about 1,000 persons.

GERMAN DATA ON NAZI WAR CRIMINALS SHOWS MORE THAN HALF FREED

BONN, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- More than 10,000 Nazi war criminals have been sentenced by West German and Allied courts in West Germany since the end of World War II, a survey by the West German Ministry of Justice disclosed here today.

Of the total tried for war crimes, 818 were sentenced to death, but only 489 had been executed, the report showed. Twelve of those sentenced to death were ordered executed by West German courts, the remainder having been given death sentences by Allied courts. Only three of those sentenced to death by West German courts were executed before capital punishment was abolished in the Federal republic by a 1949 law.

West German courts tried 12,846 Nazis between May 8, 1945, the official date World War II ended, but only 5,526 were found guilty. Of those, 403 were found guilty of murder and manslaughter. A total of 5,025 Nazi war criminals were sentenced by the Allies.

VILNA GAON'S REMAINS MAY BE TRANSFERRED TO ISRAEL, MOSCOW RABBI HINTS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- Soviet authorities may allow the transfer of the remains of the Vilna Gaon to Israel, Rabbi Yehuda Leib Levin of Moscow, indicated in a letter to Dr. Zvi Harkavi, Jerusalem biographer, it was disclosed here today.

Dr. Harkavi had written on the matter to the Moscow Chief Rabbi, who replied that the time was propitious for a formal request to Soviet authorities. Rabbi Levin indicated there was every prospect that permission would be granted. Rabbi Levin indicated with regret that it would be impossible to locate the grave of Rabbi Meir Leibush Malbim in the Jewish cemetery in Kiev for a similar transfer.

Elijah Ben Solomon Zalman, the Gaon of Vilna, was one of the leading scholars of East European Judaism. He fought the Hassidic movement as a threat to Judaism. Born in Lithuania, he died in 1797. Rabbi Meir Leibush Malbim, another East European Jewish scholar, was noted for his commentary on the Bible. He died in 1879.

ARGENTINE JEWS PRESS SOVIET ENVOY ON EQUALITY FOR THE JEWS OF RUSSIA

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- The DAIA, the central representative body of Argentine Jewry, today noted the 11th anniversary of the Stalin purge of Jewish intellectuals in Russia by appealing to the Soviet authorities for equality of treatment for Soviet Jews.

The appeal was made in a letter from the DAIA to Nikolai Alexeiev, the Soviet Ambassador here. Conceding that there had been changes for the better for Soviet Jews, compared with the situation during the Stalin era, the letter added that negative conditions still existed. The letter cited the recent imprisonment of several Russian Jews on charges of baking and selling matzohs, the denial of cultural and religious rights enjoyed by other Soviet nationalities, the absence of Yiddish or Hebrew schools, and of central organizations of Jewish congregations, like those permitted to the Orthodox Russian and other church groups.

The letter said it was difficult to understand why Russian Jews could not enjoy full freedom to talk and to educate their children in any language they chose, adding "we only request equality in treatment, nothing more, for the Jews in the Soviet Union."

PROF. SELMAN WAKSMAN TO RECEIVE ACADEMIC HONORS IN RIO DE JANEIRO TODAY

RIO DE JANEIRO, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- Prof. Selman Waksman, the American Jewish scientist, who won a Nobel Prize for his contributions toward the development of vital antibiotics, will receive an honorary degree here tomorrow from the Brazilian University of Rio de Janeiro. He will also, at the same time, be inducted as an honorary member of the Brazilian Academy of Medicine.

Prof. Waksman will arrive here tomorrow for a seven-day visit as a guest of the Latin American executive of the World Jewish Congress. After his stay in this country he will also visit Argentina, Uruguay and Chile.

BIRMINGHAM JEWS REPORTED IN 'WISE' BETWEEN NEGROES AND SEGREGATIONISTS

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- The 4,000 Jews of Birmingham, Alabama, are living in a vise of pressures from both whites and Negroes in the broiling civic rights struggle of that southern city, according to a Birmingham Jewish communal official. Harold E. Katz, executive director of the Jewish Community Council and Jewish Center in Birmingham, outlined the plight of Birmingham's Jews at a meeting of the Los Angeles Council of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

Jewish downtown merchants, he said, are the target of Negro agitation because many of the city's 250,000 Negroes--40 per cent of the total population--feel that the merchants exploit them as customers and discriminate against them as employees. On the other hand, many segregationists charge that Jews are the instigators of the demonstrations which have repeatedly rocked Birmingham, Mr. Katz reported. Segregationists also fear that Jewish merchants will be the first to yield to Negro demands for integration of their stores.

At the same time, he reported, the Ku Klux Klan and the neo-Nazi National States Rights party are stepping up agitation. NSRP headquarters are located in Birmingham.

WINNIPEG BEACH MAN FINED \$500 FOR SHOUTING ANTI-SEMITIC REMARKS

WINNIPEG, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- A 22-year-old Winnipeg Beach man was fined \$500 today by Magistrate Wally Darichuk, in the Selkirk police court, for shouting anti-Semitic remarks over a loudspeaker he set up June 30 at Winnipeg Beach. The man, Brian Isfeld, was given until a week to pay the fine, plus costs, or go to jail for six months.

Winnipeg Beach had been the scene of repeated anti-Semitic manifestations and swastika smearings earlier this summer, but the Royal Canadian Mounted Police acted vigorously, arresting a number of anti-Semites. Meanwhile, Winnipeg Beach held municipal elections in which a leading Jewish resident, Lawrence E. Tapper, was chosen Mayor. Mr. Tapper attributed his triumph to the reaction "by the non-Jewish element" in the community against the anti-Semitic manifestations.

NAZI VICTIMS AGAIN PRESS AUSTRIAN JUSTICE MINISTER TO PROSECUTE MURER

NEW YORK, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- A group of survivors of the Nazi occupation of Vilna met today with Dr. Christian Broda, the Austrian Minister of Justice, to press a request for a new trial for Franz Murer, an Austrian Gestapo officer acquitted in Austria last June of charges of having murdered 17 Jews in Nazi-occupied Vilna.

The arrangements for the meeting grew out of an hour and 15 minutes of picketing before the Austrian Consulate here by survivors of the Vilna Ghetto. Leon Szmigiel of Brooklyn, one of the pickets, said he testified at Murer's trial that he saw the former Nazi shoot his son, Abraham Szmigiel. The state prosecutor appealed the verdict.

A spokesman for the Consul-General said, before the meeting, that the Murer verdict would be examined by the Austrian Supreme Court. The spokesman said he did not know the date for the Supreme Court hearing.

Dr. Broda, who is currently on a visit to the United States, met in Washington last week with a group of members of the Jewish Nazi Victims Organization of America. He told the delegation he would take back to Austria any evidence available in this country against Murer.

PIONEER WOMEN ADOPT U. S. SOCIAL ACTION PROGRAM; ELECT MRS. FINE

DETROIT, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- A comprehensive program advocating expanded social legislation in the United States was adopted here today by the 600 delegates attending the 18th biennial convention of the Pioneer Women, the Women's Labor Zionist Organization of America. The organization also elected its list of national officers for the next two years, to be headed by Mrs. Blanche Fine, of New York, as president. She succeeds Mrs. Clara Leff.

The program embracing education and social action proposed for the United States included advocacy of medical care for the aged under Social Security, without a "means test"; Federal aid to education in public schools, particularly for school construction and higher salaries for teachers; revision of the American immigration policies, including elimination of the national origins quota system; broader civil rights legislation; equal status for women in job opportunities and in public office; and support by the United States Government of the United Nations activities, including the United Nations peace-keeping machinery.

SAUL HOROWITZ, JR., NAMED CHAIRMAN OF N. Y. FEDERATION'S NEXT CAMPAIGN

NEW YORK, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- Saul Horowitz, Jr., building industry executive, has been named chairman of the 1963-64 fund-raising campaign of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York, Irving M. Felt, Federation president, announced today. Mr. Horowitz will lead 15,000 volunteer workers in seeking funds for the 116 affiliate hospitals and social service agencies of the Federation. The 46th annual appeal will open officially on September 1.