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### ISRAEL CABINET DISCUSSES COUNTER-ACTION TO ARAB SUMMIT MEETING

JERUSALEM, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- Israel's Cabinet discussed today, at its regular weekly meeting, the developments surrounding Israel's project for drawing waters from the Jordan River and Lake Tiberias to the Negev, in the light of the summit conference of Arab heads of state convening tomorrow in Cairo.

Mrs. Golda Meir, the Foreign Minister, reported to the Cabinet about steps taken by the Government to counteract the Arab propaganda campaign, aimed at distorting the nature of Israel's water project.

While political quarters discount Arab threats against Israel, and view the Cairo summit parley as motivated chiefly by Arab maneuvering for leadership of the Arab bloc, it is feared nevertheless that the situation may endanger the peace of the Middle East.

No details of the "measures" reported by Mrs. Meir were disclosed following her report to the Cabinet. It was assumed, however, that Israel is in contact with other governments, restating its position regarding the water project, and emphasizing that the development is purely an internal matter, calling for no interference on the part of outside powers or international bodies.

### Arab Summit Conference Opens Today with Plans to Check Israel

LONDON, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- The summit conference of Arab kings and presidents, convoked by Egyptian President Nasser, opens here tomorrow with plans prepared by a technical committee of the Arab League to divert the waters of Jordan River in such a way as to prevent Israel from bringing Jordan River water to the Negev through Lake Tiberias. Thirteen Arab countries are participating in the parley.

The plans to be laid before the heads of the Arab states will propose a three-pronged construction project involving: 1. Building two storage dams in Jordan to take the waters of the Yarmuk River, which is the chief tributary of the Jordan River; 2. Building a storage dam in Lebanon, containing the waters of another Jordan River tributary, the Hasbani River; 3. Building of canals in Syria eastward and westward of a third Jordan River tributary, the Baniyas River.

Through these projects, the principal tributaries of the Jordan River would be diverted into vast storage and irrigation developments in Jordan, Syria and Lebanon. At the same time, the Jordan River inside Israel, which flows into Israel's Lake Tiberias, would be left with a mere trickle of water. According to Arab figures, about 77 per cent of the Jordan River water sources would thus be trapped on the Arab side.

Although Egypt is not touched either by the Jordan River or by any of that waterway's tributaries, the Egyptian Government is a member of the technical committee which finalized these plans. The other members of the committee are representatives of the three Arab states containing the Jordan River headwaters and the river's more important tributaries--Syria, Jordan and Lebanon.

Only one Jordan River tributary, the Dan River, is in Israel. But Lake Tiberias, which receives the main flow of the Jordan from the Arab areas in the north, is entirely within Israeli territory. It is from this lake that Israel has planned a project to carry the waters about 100 miles southward, through pipes, canals and tunnels, to the northern reaches of the Negev Desert.

Tomorrow's summit meeting, according to Nasser's plans, is intended to solidify Arab actions in opposition to Israel's project. While there is wide disagreement among most of the Arab states on most political issues, they all agree in their opposition to Israel.

The technical plan to be laid before the heads of the Arab States was seen here as the alternative to the only other choice open to the Arab states opposed to Israel's development. That choice would involve military action--and it was conceded by Cairo dispatches received here that Nasser is not ready for unified Arab military action against Israel at this time.

Among the heads of state at the summit meeting, some of whom were reported today to have already arrived at Cairo, will be King Hussein of Jordan, and King



Hassan II of Morocco; Major General Amin El-Hafez, President of the Syrian National Revolutionary Council, whom Nasser has called "a practicing Fascist"; Marshal Abdullah El-Sallal, President of the Yemeni Republic, who is supported in his battle against Yemenite royalists by about 40,000 Egyptian troops stationed in his country; President Habib Bourguiba, of Tunis; Lt. Gen. Ibrahim Abboud, of Sudan; Fuad Shehab, President of Lebanon; Salam Aref, President of Iraq; Sheik Abdullah el-Salem el-Sabah, Emir of Kuwait; and Crown Prince Hassan Rida, representing his father, King Idris, of Libya. King Saud of Saudi Arabia will also be represented.

#### TRIAL OF SOVIET JEWS CONDUCTED IN CAMERA; WAS PLANNED AS 'SHOW TRIAL'

LONDON, Jan. 12. (JTA)--The trial of two Soviet Jews, accused of being members of a group which committed "economic crimes" by "exploiting mental patients" to produce knitwear which yielded an "illegal profit" of about \$2,500,000 has been going on secretly for about two weeks, although it was previously indicated in the Soviet press that the accused will be put on a "show trial," it was learned here today from Moscow.

No correspondents representing the Western press are admitted to the trial which is expected to last about a month, the report from Moscow said. The two Jews had been identified by the Moscow newspaper Izvestia as Roifman and Shakerman, without giving their first names.

When the men were arrested, last October, Izvestia pointed out it was mentioning the "Jewish names" of the suspects "because we do not pay attention to malicious slanders aroused in the Western press from time to time. Being tried are criminals--not Jews, Russians, Tartars or Ukrainians."

#### DR. MENGELE, NOTORIOUS NAZI, SEEKS RESTORATION OF HIS MEDICAL LICENSE

FRANKFURT, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- Dr. Josef Mengele, the notorious physician at the Auschwitz annihilation camp--who is missing from among the 22 Nazis now on trial here as leading members of the personnel of the Auschwitz death camp--filed a formal appeal this weekend against the cancelation of his medical degree in 1961 by the Frankfurt University.

The "selection doctor," as Dr. Mengele was known among the camp inmates for picking victims for the gas ovens, filed his appeal with the state authorities through a South American lawyer. He did not indicate his whereabouts, but he was last reported hiding in Argentina. He named his wife as his representative. West German authorities have been unsuccessful in efforts to find him for extradition.

The trial of the 22 others in the Auschwitz case continued this weekend, with one defendant refusing to testify and two others denying complicity in any murders. All 22 are accused of participating in the murder of several million Auschwitz inmates, most of the victims having been Jews. Carl Hoecker, a former Auschwitz adjutant, denied guilt, although he conceded also that he had "passed on" four or five execution orders issued by his chiefs. Wilhelm Boger, former senior guard at Auschwitz, told the court he would give no testimony at the trial.

Another of the accused, Klaus Dylewski, testified that Boger had invented a cruel piece of torture apparatus, called the "Boger Cradle," for use on inmates. When the court sought to question Boger about this apparatus, he said he would not answer questions about matters that might hurt his case. The court did not press him further.

#### BRITISH FIRMS WARNED BY ARABS ON PARTICIPATION IN TEL AVIV FAIR

LONDON, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- A new threat by the Arab boycott office in Syria against British firms dealing with Israel was reported in the press here today. It was disclosed that the Damascus headquarters of the boycott committee is attempting to blackmail those companies planning to participate in the International Trade Fair to be held in Tel Aviv next June and July.

The threat was contained in letters sent from the boycott committee to the Middle East representatives of the British companies. It declared that the Arab bureau "will proceed to a detailed investigation on the real relationship with Israel of all companies" taking part in the fair.

Maurice Orbach, secretary of the Trades Advisory Council, said today he was preparing a memorandum to the Board of Trade which "will include the latest method of intimidation."

#### ISRAEL'S AIR FORCE COMMANDER RETURNS FROM TALKS IN LONDON

TEL AVIV, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- Brigadier Ezer Weizmann, Israel's Air Force Commander, returned today from England after several days of consultations with British Air Force officials. He met with Aviation Minister Julian Amery, Sir Charles Elworthy, Chief of the Air Staff, and Air Vice-Marshal Prickett. The Israeli commander exchanged ideas on latest aviation developments with the British officials.



## ISRAEL BOND NATIONAL CONFERENCE ADOPTS \$85,000,000 QUOTA FOR 1964

NEW YORK, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- A decision to seek \$400,000,000 for Israel's economic development through the sale of Israel bonds during the next five years was adopted here today at the closing session of the two-day national planning conference of the board of governors of the Israel Bond Organization held at Waldorf Astoria Hotel.

A quota of \$85,000,000 for 1964 was voted at the conference by the more than 200 Jewish communal leaders from various parts of the United States and Canada. This will be the first year in the flotation of the new Third Development Issue of Israel Bonds that will end in March 1969. In 1963, the proceeds from the sale of Israel bonds amounted to a record sum of \$69,172,050 of which \$55,471,900 came from the United States and the balance from Canada, Latin America and Europe, it was announced at the conference by Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, vice-president of the Israel Bond Organization.

Dr. Schwartz pointed out that the proceeds obtained in 1963 were the largest ever raised in the 13-year history of the Israel Bond campaign, exceeding by more than 19 per cent the total of \$58,047,350 sold in 1962, which was the biggest year up to that time. He reported that since 1951 disbursements of Israel bond funds amounted to \$603,300,000.

Analyzing the results of the 1963 campaign, Dr. Schwartz declared that the beginning of the redemption in May of last year of the first Israel Bonds sold in 1951 was "an important element" in stimulating increased sales. He reported that from May 1 through December 31, 1963 the Israel Treasury paid out \$13,459,125 on Israel Independence Issue Savings Bonds which matured during that period. Repayment has been made on the basis of 150 cents on the dollar.

"The process of redemption as a stimulating factor in the campaign was enhanced by the favorable progress of the economy of the State of Israel," Dr. Schwartz said. "Together, these two elements created a very high degree of confidence in Israel Bonds as a sound and productive investment. As a result many new purchasers appeared on the scene, including a growing number of institutions such as banks, labor unions and pension funds."

### New \$400,000,000 Bond Issue to be Launched at Conference in Miami

The conference also decided that the new \$400,000,000 Bond Issue would be officially launched at an International Inaugural Conference in Miami during the weekend of Friday, February 21st. It was announced that the guest of honor on that occasion will be Baron Edmond de Rothschild of Paris, who is serving as president of the Israel Bond drive in Europe.

The Third Development Issue of Israel Bonds will consist of two types of bonds: Fifteen-Year Coupon Bonds paying 4 per cent interest per year, in denominations from \$500 to \$100,000, and Savings Bonds in denominations from \$100 to \$10,000, maturing 12 years after purchase at 160 per cent of the issue amount. For example, a \$100 savings bond will mature at \$160, and a \$1,000 savings bond will have a value of \$1,600 at maturity.

Abraham Feinberg, president of the Israel Bond Organization, told the conference today that "the extraordinary success of our program was due to two principal factors: first, American confidence in the ability of the people of Israel to "build a dynamic democracy and second, their impressive achievement, with the aid of Israel Bond funds, in planting the seeds of prosperity in an undeveloped land."

Samuel Rothberg, national campaign chairman, describing the purpose of the new Israel bond issue, said: "It is geared toward the ultimate achievement of a self-supporting economy. Money provided through the new Israel bond issue will, as heretofore, be channeled to the maximum extent possible into productive investments, such as increasing cultivated and irrigated areas, establishing industrial plants, developing natural resources, building an adequate transportation and communication system, and stimulating the construction of housing for the accommodation of new immigrants and the natural increase in population."

### JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS OPEN THREE-DAY CONFERENCE ON CHURCH AND STATE

NEW YORK, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- A three-day conference on church and state, attended by representatives of some 30 national Jewish organizations and Jewish councils in 50 cities throughout the United States opened here last night. The conference is sponsored jointly by the National Community Relations Advisory Council and the Synagogue Council of America.

The two sponsoring organizations are coordinating bodies respectively for national and local Jewish agencies that seek to further civil rights and for national Jewish congregational and rabbinic bodies. The conference is termed by the sponsoring organizations an "exploratory" one, which will not seek to formulate policies, which are the province of the organizations themselves.



## CONTRIBUTIONS TO ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA REMAIN TAX FREE

NEW YORK, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- Contributions to the Zionist Organization of America and the American Zionist Fund remain tax deductible, as heretofore under the recently issued Internal Revenue Service regulation concerning the deductibility of charitable contributions to American philanthropic organizations with overseas programs, it was announced today by Carol Pickel, national chairman of the Finance Committee of the ZO.

In an accompanying statement, David Oppenheim, tax counsel of the Zionist Organization of America, stated: "In my opinion, the recent ruling by the U.S. Treasury Department does not affect the deductibility of contributions, bequests and other grants to the Zionist Organization of America, the American Zionist Fund or Agricultural Training Institute Kfar Silver in Israel."

## HABIMAH REJECTS PROPOSAL TO STAGE 'THE DEPUTY' DURING AMERICAN TOUR

TEL AVIV, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- Habimah, the Israel national theater group scheduled to start a three-month tour of the United States next month, this weekend rejected a proposal by the Little Theater of New York, sponsor of the visit, that it stage the controversial drama, "The Deputy," during the American tour.

The play, by Rolf Hochhuth, criticizes Pope Pius XII for having been silent about the Nazi extermination of European Jews during the Second World War. The American sponsors proposed the inclusion of the Hochhuth play in the Habimah repertory after Pope Paul VI criticized the play during his visit to Israel last week.

Bat Ami, a Habimah actress and a member of the theater's executive committee, said that Habimah had obtained the Israeli rights for the play but that it was questionable whether the play would be produced even in Israel. She said that since Habimah was the Israel national theater, it must take many aspects including the political into consideration.

## DR. NEHEMIAH ROBINSON, DIRECTOR OF W.J.C. INSTITUTE, DEAD; FUNERAL TODAY

NEW YORK, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- Funeral services will be held here tomorrow for the late Dr. Nehemiah Robinson, director of the World Jewish Congress Institute for Jewish Affairs, and one of the foremost authorities on the Nazi holocaust, who died yesterday at the age of 65.

Born in Lithuania, Dr. Robinson came to the United States in 1940, joined the staff of the World Jewish Congress in 1941, and later became an American citizen. He worked closely with the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany since that organization was founded in 1952. He is survived by five brothers: Jacob and Aaron, of New York; Nathan and Avram, of Israel; and Pinhas, of New Delhi.

(In Geneva, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress and chairman of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, issued a statement lauding Dr. Robinson's "unexcelled" contributions to the aims of both organizations through his "devotion, knowledge and understanding of our problems."

## HENRY SCHACHT, NOTED ACTOR AND TEACHER, DEAD; PLAYED ON SCREEN STAGE

NEW YORK, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- Funeral services were held here today for Henry Schacht, well known actor on the English and Yiddish stage and former high school teacher of languages, who died this weekend at the age of 77. Mr. Schacht, who was known professionally as Henry Sharp, also appeared in leading roles in films.

A member of a theatrical family which immigrated from Russia, he made his first appearance on Broadway in 1914. In 1921 he played on the Yiddish stage with the prominent Yiddish actor Boris Thomashevsky in the production, "Hatikvah" as guest artist. The Broadway productions in which he appeared included "Arsenic and Old Lace," "On Borrowed Time," "Oh, Men! Oh, Women!" The films in which he played included "A Song to Remember," "A Face in the Crowd," and others.

## MAX DANISK, FORMER I.L.G.W.U. EDITOR, DEAD; WAS AUTHOR OF BOOKS

NEW YORK, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- Max D. Danisk, editor and author, died here yesterday, aged 77. Born in Russia and educated in this country, Mr. Danisk was associated for 40 years, until his retirement in 1951, with the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, as public relations director and as editor of the union's principal organ, Justice.

He was the author of a number of books, including a history of the I.L.G.W.U., a biography of David Dubinsky, that union's president, and a biography of William Green, late president of the American Federation of Labor. Mr. Danisk was, himself, formerly a member of the I.L.G.W.U. and a participant in some of the union's early strikes, in 1909 and 1910. He received a law degree from New York University in 1918.