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## MATZCH PACKAGES SENT FROM U. S. ARE NOT DISTRIBUTED IN SOVIET UNION

NEW YORK, March 23. (JTA) -- The Synagogue Council of America, which has sent to the Soviet Union 2,000 packages of matzoh, of 10 pounds each, reported today that it has been informed by reliable sources from abroad that the matzoh parcels sent from the United States were being held in the Soviet customs houses and are not being distributed to the people to whom they were addressed.

"Individuals in the Soviet Union should have received postal notices to pick up their parcels, but no such notifications have been sent," Rabbi Uri Miller, president of the Synagogue Council, said. "With the exception of the parcels to Chief Rabbi Yehuda Leib Levin of Moscow, no other parcels have been delivered although it is four days before Passover.

"The action of the Soviet authorities in backtracking on their original agreement in allowing parcels to be shipped to individuals in the Soviet Union is clearly manifested in their holding up these parcels in customs," the Synagogue Council president declared. "The Jewish community of the United States took the word of the Soviet authorities in good faith when they informed them that matzoh could be sent to individuals in the Soviet Union. The information received over this weekend clearly indicates another change in Soviet policy and the double standards being set by the Soviet Government."

## U. S. ALERT TO ARAB-ISRAEL DISPUTES; REGRETS DIVERSION OF FUNDS TO ARMS

WASHINGTON, March 23. (JTA) -- Secretary of State Dean Rusk told Congress that the United States will continue in its efforts to attain a settlement of disputes between Israel and the Arabs and expressed his regret over the continued diversion of funds to armaments in the Middle East.

Mr. Rusk appeared before the House Foreign Affairs Committee to present the Administration's foreign aid program for fiscal year 1965, which begins July 1 of this year. In his review of what he described as "key problem areas where U. S. aid is a factor," the Secretary of State also discussed the Arab-Israel relations.

"The U. S. has continued to provide assistance to Israel and to a number of the Arab states," the Secretary said. "These nations have a history of conflict and animosity. The U. S. will continue to work for a settlement of the disputes between Israel and her neighbors and for a general settlement in the Near East. There are resources and potential in the area sufficient to provide all peoples with a better standard of living. Resources which are diverted from the job of providing economic growth and are used to build armaments are a regrettable waste.

"Last year the Congress enacted a subsection (l) of section 620 of the Assistance Act, prohibiting assistance to any country which the President determines is engaging or preparing for aggression. The activities of all recipient countries--including those in the Middle East and Asia--are under continual examination by this country but no determination has been made under the provisions enacted last year. I can assure you that careful study is being given in every instance to determine the application of the amendment," Secretary Rusk declared.

When the above amendment was enacted, speakers in both Houses made it clear that it was aimed primarily to check Col. Nasser's aggressive intentions in the Middle East. This was, to some extent, implicitly recognized by Mr. Rusk in including his explanations as to why the amendment has not been applied, in that section of his statement which dealt with Israel-Arab relations. It was noted, however, that while in the past the Administration tried to eliminate amendments of such nature from the foreign aid legislation, the bill submitted this year did not contain any attempts to delete the "anti-aggressor" clause from the Act.

## Details of Eshkol's Visit to U. S. Reported in Washington

WASHINGTON, March 23. (JTA) -- Israel's Prime Minister Eshkol, who will arrive for an official meeting with President Johnson in Washington on June 1, will spend five to ten days in the United States, it was learned here. Mr. Eshkol will also meet Secretary of State Dean Rusk as well as other top governmental and Congressional leaders. He will also visit several other cities besides Washington during his American stay.

## ZIONIST ACTIONS COMMITTEE ENDS SESSION; APPEALS TO SOVIET GOVERNMENT

JERUSALEM, March 23. (JTA) -- The Zionist Actions Committee today adopted a resolution calling upon the Soviet Government to respect the "sacred right of every Jew in every country to emigrate to Israel," especially those members of Jewish families who have been separated as a result of the Nazi holocaust.

The resolution, which was adopted at the final session of the weeklong meeting of the Actions Committee, asserted that no Jew will ever accept the Soviet authorities' systematic attempts to cut off millions of Jews from the sources of their cultural past; it noted with anxiety "the manifestations of anti-Semitic calumnies and incitement" expressed in the Soviet press and literature, and in the general Soviet attack against religion.

The resolution expressed "profound appreciation" over the moral support rendered "by all seeking freedom and peace in the struggle for the rights of the Soviet Jews."

Another resolution appealed to the authorities and enlightened public opinion in Latin American countries "where Arab agents dare to promote incitement aimed at promoting antagonism between the Jewish and non-Jewish populations." The Actions Committee expressed confidence that the "Jews in these countries will continue to stand up against anti-Semitic attacks and defend their rights." The resolution repeated the warning against the danger of neo-Nazi movements, and expressed the conviction that the Latin American people would recognize the Nazi anti-Semitic manifestations as a threat to their own way of life.

In other resolutions, the Actions Committee underscored the growing assimilation among Jews which is "endangering the continuity of the nation's existence" and stressed the enhancement of Jewish unity as one of the principal tasks of the Zionist movement in the coming period.

The Committee welcomed the decision of the Israel Government approving the reinterment in Israel of the remains of Vladimir Jabotinsky, Revisionist leader. It greeted "with deep appreciation" the joint Israel Government-World Zionist Organization executive declaration and the reiteration by Prime Minister Levi Eshkol of his promise to accord the Zionist movement all possible support. Other resolutions called for intensification of Zionist work in the field of education.

## ESHKOL CALLS FOR VOLUNTARY IMMIGRATION OF JEWISH YOUTH FROM FREE LANDS

JERUSALEM, March 23. (JTA) -- Prime Minister Levi Eshkol, addressing the concluding session of the weeklong meeting of the Zionist Actions Committee, here, today, called for increased "voluntary immigration" of Jewish youth from the free lands of the world.

"We have almost reached the peak of our efforts in the absorption of immigrants from the countries of stress," he said. "A way must be found to the hearts of the Jewish youth toward the establishment of a pioneer movement."

With President Zelman Shazar on the platform, the Premier, citing the success of the United States Peace Corps, told the world Zionist leaders at the session: "Let the Jewish reserve come to help develop our society and our economy and our science, and help expand our cooperation with the developing countries."

Stressing the threats against Israel by Egypt's President Gamal Abdel Nasser, and Nasser's intentions to destroy Israel, the Prime Minister said: "Should this hour of trial arrive--and perhaps in order that it should not eventuate--Israel must show growth, not merely quantitatively but also qualitatively. We must preserve our spiritual and moral superiority and our economic strength."

Turning to the Zionist movement, Mr. Eshkol said that, while there has been criticism against the movement, "we have no other. Together," he said, "we must think of ways and means to raise Zionism toward meeting the new challenge." He added: "There can be no Zionism without Jews for Israel."

Stressing the task of combating the threat of assimilation, he told the delegates that all must work together for the preservation of the Jewish people's existence and unity. He said the situation also faces Israeli youth with a challenge, requiring that Israeli youth go to the Diaspora "to enrich Jewish life there and draw sustenance for the State of Israel."

## NAZI GRINS AS WITNESS DESCRIBES ATROCITIES AT AUSCHWITZ TRIAL

FRANKFURT, March 23. (JTA) -- Wilhelm Boger, one of the principal defendants among the 22 former Auschwitz-Birkenau SS men facing trial here since December for the murder of millions of Jews, grinned in the court room today as one witness described how Boger beat him mercilessly into unconsciousness, revived him with a bucket of cold water, then placed him in a "stand-up cell" for 93 days.

The witness was Hugo Peter Breiden, of Stuttgart, who had spent four years at Auschwitz for a criminal offense. Pointing a finger at Boger, and sobbing convulsively, Breiden shouted "you murderer, you." Boger seemed not to care.

### CATHOLICS IN BRITAIN REJOIN COUNCIL OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS

LONDON, March 23. (JTA) -- The Archbishop of Westminster told a meeting of the Council of Christians and Jews that the Roman Catholic community in Britain was rejoining the Council, from which it withdrew in 1954, on instructions from the Vatican.

The Catholic prelate said he had been informed that a proposal had been made to create an International Council of Christians and Jews. At meetings for that purpose, he said, he understood that "views were expressed which were incompatible with Catholic principles." The Vatican, he added, has been "dismayed" by these views.

### W. J. C. SEES LOOPHOLE IN U. N. DRAFT CONVENTION AGAINST DISCRIMINATION

NEW YORK, March 23. (JTA) -- The possibility that the United Nations' draft convention on the elimination of racial discrimination might leave a loophole to racist offenders, has been raised by the World Jewish Congress here.

In a document, submitted to the Secretary General of the United Nations in connection with the recent meeting of the UN Commission on Human Rights and circulated by the United Nations, the World Jewish Congress declared that the Draft Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination is destined to become a valuable instrument against discrimination. But the WJC expressed concern about "the provisions relating to the implementation and effectiveness of its rules."

Declaring that "these provisions are inadequate," the WJC suggested that the international community be given adequate powers to effect the principles enunciated by the Convention. The WJC stated that the internal judicial remedy, proposed in the draft, "will be ineffective in States in which the independence of the tribunals is questionable, to say the least, and which are often precisely those which are guilty of condemnable practices."

Under the Draft Convention's system of reporting and the additional measures of implementation, only States may set the established machinery in motion. The World Jewish Congress stated that this offers no guarantee for the victims of discrimination, because "States do not customarily exercise the right of complaint against other States with which they maintain friendly relations."

Doubting whether any State will intervene on behalf of a minority group subjected to discrimination within the jurisdiction of a major power, the World Jewish Congress noted that were such a protest to be made, there would be a risk of a human rights problem being transformed into a diplomatic conflict.

To offset these difficulties, the WJC suggested the establishment of a broad system of implementation in which individuals and organizations would take part. If this was impossible under present conditions, the World Jewish Congress proposed as a minimum measure the right of petition, complaint and protest by organizations which are independent of governments and have competence and recognition in the field of human rights. The WJC's memorandum welcomed the inclusion of an article condemning anti-Semitism.

### U. S. MAY NEGLECT RATIFICATION OF GENOCIDE PACT, SENATOR SCOTT WARNS

WASHINGTON, March 23. (JTA) -- Senator Hugh Scott of Pennsylvania started a letter campaign to draw wide public attention to the danger that the ratification by the United States of the Genocide Convention "is in jeopardy of dying through neglect."

The Senator sent out letters to newspapers and figures in public life, enclosing a reprint from the Congressional Record into which the Senator inserted a column on this subject by JTA Washington correspondent Jessie Halpern. Senator Scott described the column as a "very important article."

Senator Scott in his letter declared that "it would certainly be bitter irony if 1964-- when the world is re-examining the horrors of Nazi exterminations-- were to become the year that the United States permitted the genocide convention to fade into oblivion."

### RABBIS TO PETITION GERMAN GOVERNMENT FOR RESTORATION OF GRAVES

NEW YORK, March 23. (JTA) -- A campaign to gather 1,000,000 signatures to a petition to be addressed to the West German Government, calling upon the Bonn Government to pay indemnification toward restoration of graves in various European countries desecrated by the Nazis, was launched here today by the American section of the World Center of European Rabbis.

According to the organization, special Nazi battalions had destroyed Jewish cemeteries in the Soviet Union, Poland, Hungary, Rumania, Czechoslovakia, France, Holland and Belgium. Efforts to obtain signatures to the petition will be made in all parts of the free world, the organization's leaders declared.

### GLOBAL OBSERVATION OF WARSAW GHETTO UPRISING URGED BY JEWISH CONGRESS

NEW YORK, March 23. (JTA) -- The World Jewish Congress today sent an appeal to all its affiliates in 64 lands to mark the 21st anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising on April 9, "and keep alive the memory of the Ghetto fighters who perished 21 years ago." The appeal noted that the commemoration date would coincide with the 27th of Nisan on the Jewish calendar.

### AUSTRALIAN PUBLISHER ACCUSED OF ANTI-SEMITISM IN CANADA; CANCELS MEETING

TORONTO, March 23. (JTA) -- Eric D. Butler, of the Australian League of Rights, now touring Canada, called off a meeting in a hotel in Edmonton, Alberta, after it was visited by about 40 persons who were "uninvited." Butler denied producing an edition of the "Protocols of the Elders of Zion" but stated that it was issued by the Heritage Press, an institution which he admitted being associated with.

A. Miller, of Calgary, speaking for the Jewish Community Relations Committee, denounced Butler for his tactic of posing as an anti-Communist but "using this as a mask for anti-Jewish incitement."

### EPISCOPAL CHURCH OPPOSES AMENDMENTS TO PERMIT RELIGION IN SCHOOLS

PHILADELPHIA, March 23. (JTA) -- The legislative attempt to amend the U. S. Constitution to permit Bible reading and other religious exercises in public schools was viewed as being "a questionable precedent that could alter our basic charter of liberties dangerously," in a statement issued today by the Central Committee on Christian Social Relations of the five dioceses of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Pennsylvania.

The action was taken at a meeting of the Central Committee following the adoption of a memorial by the Pennsylvania State Senate, urging such amendment to the Federal Constitution. The position taken by the Central Committee was made known to its own constituency.

### ISRAELI REPORTS TO U. S. SCIENTISTS ON IRRIGATION WITH SALT WATER

NEW YORK, March 23. (JTA) -- Irrigation of sandy desert soil with salt water has proven successful in Israel, it was reported here today by Dr. Hugo Boyko, Israeli Government ecologist, in a paper delivered at the New York Academy of Sciences.

Dr. Boyko reported that 180 species of plants were successfully introduced in the "completely vegetationless gravel-slopes which flank the Gulf of Eilat, where the soil consists of 96 per cent stones and sand, 3 per cent silt and, only 1 per cent clay." After irrigation with salt water, there developed "in the course of a few years a luscious recreation park of six acres" that is now being used by the rapidly growing desert of Eilat, at the southernmost extremity of Israel, he said.

Dr. Boyko said the experiments were carried out with 10 different plant species, food and fodder plants, as well as economic plants for industrial purposes, such as Israeli Esparto, an excellent plant raw material for paper pulp. The Israeli scientist stressed the global impact and significance of these experiments.

### CENTRAL NATIONAL BANK OF CHICAGO PURCHASES \$250,000 IN ISRAEL BONDS

CHICAGO, March 23. (JTA) -- The Central National Bank of Chicago purchased \$250,000 in State of Israel bonds, it was reported here today. The check for the purchase was presented at a luncheon at the bank by Frank Baader, president, and J. Ross Humphreys, chairman of the board of the bank, to local Israel bond leaders who attended the luncheon.

### J. I. FISHBEIN, EDITOR OF 'SENTINEL,' HONORED FOR 20 YEARS OF SERVICE

CHICAGO, March 23. (JTA) -- More than 60 rabbis gathered in the Morrison Hotel here at a luncheon to honor J. I. Fishbein, editor and publisher of The Sentinel, Chicago's English-Jewish weekly. Mr. Fishbein was honored on the occasion of his 20 years of service as editor of the publication.

### MRS. COMAY HONORED BY AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS FOR SERVICE TO ISRAEL

NEW YORK, March 23. (JTA) -- Mrs. Joan Comay, wife of Ambassador Michael S. Comay, Israel's permanent representative to the United Nations, and a well-known author in her own right, was honored here today by the national women's division of the American Jewish Congress. She was presented with the Louise Waterman Wise Distinguished Service Award for her "distinguished service to Israel."

### JACK COTTON, BRITISH JEWISH PHILANTHROPIST, DIES IN NASSAU; WAS 61

NASSAU, The Bahamas, March 23. (JTA) -- Jack Cotton, a prominent British-Jewish philanthropist and communal worker, and one of the world's largest real estate developers, died here this weekend of a heart attack at the age of 61. A member of the British Chief Rabbi's Emergency Committee during and after the Second World War, he spent time in the United States at that time organizing Jewish immigration to Palestine.

Born in Birmingham, England, Mr. Cotton, an Orthodox Jew, went into real estate at the age of 21, and amassed a fortune. An active member of numerous charitable associations and a life-long Zionist, he was a supporter of many Jewish causes. An active member of the British section of the World Jewish Congress, Mr. Cotton provided endowments for the chair of architecture and fine arts at the Hebrew University, and for a research project at the Weizmann Institute.