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### ISRAEL'S STAND ON RUSSIA MUST HINGE ON TREATMENT OF JEWS, DAYAN SAYS

TEL AVIV, March 31. (JTA) -- Agriculture Minister and Mapai leader Moshe Dayan told a meeting of the Mapai Young Circle today that Israel's relations with the Soviet Union "must be based on the Russian attitude toward its Jews" and that he was opposed to efforts to improve relations with Russia because "of the worsening situation of its Jews."

General Dayan, asserting he was speaking as a Mapai member and not as a Cabinet Minister, said he did not agree with those who believed that Israel-Soviet relations had improved. He added that the deterioration of the position of Soviet Jewry was a more determining factor than diplomatic or cultural gestures. He mentioned as an example the fact that the recent publication in Russia of Hebrew songs translated into Russian were not to be found in Soviet bookstores.

Touching on security and political questions, he said that the December "summit conference" of Arab League countries at Cairo had again placed Israel at the top of the list of Arab unit causes. He said the Arabs were determined to attack Israel "although we don't know when."

He said the French flirtations with the Arabs had not changed Israel-French friendship but that he felt that France was not prepared to do for Israel in the future everything it had done in the past because "conditions have changed." Finally, he said, the efforts Israel has poured into Africa "may prove useless. We may face disappointments there."

### U.S. JEWISH COMMUNISTS REJECT MOSCOW'S STAND ON ANTI-SEMITIC BOOK

NEW YORK, March 31. (JTA) -- The mild criticism by an Ukrainian newspaper of the anti-Semitic book "Judaism Without Embellishment," published by the Ukrainian Academy of Science--a book which provoked protests even of Communist parties in the free world--was rejected editorially here today in the Communist-oriented newspaper, Morning Freiheit. The paper termed the criticism as "not strong enough," and insisted that those responsible for the publication of the book be punished.

The editorial quoted from an article that appeared in a Kiev newspaper, Radyanska Kultura, (Soviet Culture) the general contents of which had been repeated by Tass, the official Soviet news agency. Noting that the Soviet article praised the role played by Soviet Jews in "the Socialist reconstruction" of the USSR following World War II, and that it stated that "tens of thousands of Soviet Jews" received citations and medals, including 40 awarded the Order of Hero of Socialist Work, and 99 given the title "Hero of the Soviet Union," the Freiheit editorial declared:

"Insofar as the 'Judaism' book, in its false, un-Marxist, anti-religious propaganda, casts a shadow on the role of Jews in general, such confirmations are very significant." The editorial expressed satisfaction with the fact that the Ukrainian newspaper also stated clearly that the State of Israel "must not be dragged into" the discussion when one writes about religion, as did the author of the anti-Semitic book.

"All this is correct," stated the Freiheit, "but what about the caricatures? All the Kiev newspaper says about that is that the caricatures 'are of low artistic merit and could only offend religious people.' If this is all the writers of the Kiev newspaper could say of the caricatures, and if Tass limited itself only to excerpts from the article, it must be declared that the answer cannot in any circumstances be considered satisfactory. On the contrary, it must evoke surprise and even consternation and protest."

"If the subject were not so serious," the Freiheit editorial continued, "one could say it is laughable to speak of the 'artistic level' of these caricatures. How can one speak of 'artistic level,' high or low, when the issue concerns anti-Semitic caricatures? In such caricatures, one does not look for art. Such caricatures are deeply offensive not only to religious people. Non-religious and anti-religious people, Jews and non-Jews, were shocked by the caricatures; And if the Radyanska Kultura writers were not shocked--then something is definitely wrong."

### Insist Moscow Should Publicly Stamp the Book as Anti-Semitic

"Of concern here is not only the writers (of the article in the Kiev newspaper). Of concern here is that official circles in the Soviet Union must take a good look at the anti-Semitic character of the book. One is concerned about means that must be taken against those who

are guilty of compiling and publishing the anti-Semitic 'Judaism' book, as we already indicated in an earlier editorial on March 22. The tragic issue of the book shows how necessary it is to strengthen the campaign against anti-Semitism, against the remnants of anti-Semitism from previous eras--of Czarist days, of the days of the Nazi occupation, and of the days of the Stalin cult;

"There are reports that the anti-Semitic 'Judaism' book has been taken out of circulation; That's fine. It is also good that the book was issued originally in a small edition of only 12,000 copies. But it is necessary that the anti-Semitic nature of the book be recognized; that those who are guilty shall be punished; that the penalty imposed on them be made public, so that the entire world will know.

"Insofar as Moscow and Kiev reacted in regard to the 'Judaism' book--that is a positive development. But, at the same time, it must be emphasized that the answer is far from satisfactory; that further steps must be taken; that, together with punishment for the guilty, it is necessary to initiate a broad campaign of enlightenment about anti-Semitism and a decided struggle against the remnants of anti-Semitism."

#### ISRAEL DISCRIMINATED AGAINST BY PRESIDENT OF U.N. TRADE CONFERENCE

GENEVA, March 31. (JTA) -- Israel officially protested today against the overt anti-Israel discrimination shown by the Egyptian President of the 122-nation United Nations Trade and Development Conference, currently in session here.

The protest was made in a letter to Dr. Raoul Prebisch, secretary-general of the conference. The Israeli delegation charged that President Abdel Moneim el Kassouny's failure to invite the Israeli delegation head to a dinner, for which he tendered invitations to the heads of all other delegations in his official capacity, showed "not only disregard for the most elementary rules of courtesy but also a lack of impartiality."

"The office of president of such an important international gathering calls for the highest standards of integrity and objectivity," the Israelis asserted in the letter. "Their absence bodes ill not only for the conduct by Dr. el Kaissouny of the business of the conference, but for its ultimate success as a whole."

The Israeli delegation also charged the UN-appointed Secretariat with partial responsibility for the discriminatory action, asserting that "arrangements for that dinner were made by the protocol service of the conference." The Israeli delegation expressed surprise that the Secretariat "should thus have given a hand in discriminating against a member state of the United Nations and participant in the conference."

No answer has yet been received by the Israeli delegation, but a spokesman for the Secretariat told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that "the matter is being investigated, and an answer will be forthcoming in the next few days." Many delegations, particularly those from Africa and Asia--a bloc to which Israel was admitted at the conference over strong Arab objections--expressed indignation at the unprecedented action of the Egyptian president.

#### OLDER WORKERS TO GET PREFERENCE FOR JOBS IN ISRAELI INSTITUTIONS

JERUSALEM, March 31. (JTA) -- An agreement to give older workers preference for jobs in public institutions was signed here today by the Histadrut, Israel's Labor Federation, and the Israel Labor Ministry.

The agreement, designed to aid absorption of middle-aged immigrants, applies to men over 45 and women over 40. Preference will apply if the older applicants have the same qualifications as younger workers.

#### THREE HANGED IN SYRIA PUBLICLY ON CHARGE OF SPYING FOR ISRAEL

LONDON, March 31. (JTA) -- A Protestant lay preacher and two Syrians convicted of spying for Israel were publicly hanged this morning in Damascus, it was reported here today from that city.

Jamil Ibrahim, al-Korah, a Lebanese of Syrian origin; Jamil Al-Haddad, a former Syrian Army sergeant; and Jousel Lakunah, a civilian, were the three who were executed. A fourth defendant, former Sergeant Hanna Abdel-Bour Masyd, a Syrian, was not executed, though his death sentence was confirmed last night by the Syrian National Revolutionary Council.

#### ISRAEL PREMIER PROMISES AID TO STIMULATE INTEREST IN HEBREW BOOKS

TEL AVIV, March 31. (JTA) -- Prime Minister Levi Eshkol pledged at the annual meeting of the Israeli Writers Association last night that the Government would be ready to give financial aid to "a reasonable and concrete" plan to foster public interest in Hebrew books.

He urged the writers to provide a greater influence on the new generation of Israeli Jews. S. Chalom, the poet, expressed regret that "a spirit of nihilism" had "cast its shadows" on the young writers.

# ARGENTINE VICE-PRESIDENT ASSURES JEWISH DELEGATION; CONDEMNS BLAS

BUENOS AIRES, March 31; (JTA) -- Vice-President Carlos Humberto Paerette received today a delegation of the DAA, the central representative body of Argentine Jews, and reiterated to the delegation his Government's "invariable position in defense of human rights." Similar assurances were given yesterday by Interior Undersecretary Jose Luis Vesco to a DAA delegation which called on him in connection with new anti-Jewish propaganda in Argentina.

The Vice-President told the delegation that the Argentine Government condemned "any discrimination based on race or religion and any totalitarianism and dictatorship."

In a related development, La Razon, the largest circulation Argentine daily newspaper, reported on an interview with a high official in charge of an investigation into the continuing activities of the Tacuara, the banned anti-Semitic, ultra-nationalistic youth organization. The official, whose name was withheld, was asked about the disappearance of Joe Baxter and five Tacuara companions when police began questioning Tacuara members in connection with a series of bank robberies staged to replenish Tacuara coffers.

The official was quoted as replying that "I don't know but we may admit there exists a series of 'imponderables' in the situation." La Razon, commenting on the "imponderables," said that the Tacuara had "great means" at its disposal, including the use of airplanes due to the "collaboration certain people give them."

The newspaper charged that members of Tacuara "enjoyed protection" and added that in several cases involving attacks on Jewish youth--including such outrages as branding swastikas on the faces of victims--the cases were never cleared up "and the authors of the attacks continued enjoying immunity." La Razon said that protection for such acts came from those "who should have repressed such things."

# NAZI CHARGED IN GERMANY WITH KILLING JEWS IS SENTENCED IN BRAZIL

SAO PAULO, Brazil, March 31. (JTA) -- A former Nazi SS officer, charged in West Germany but never tried there for murdering Jews during World War II, was sentenced by a court here today to five years' imprisonment, after being convicted of using a false name to enter this country.

The man is Karl Freyman, who came to Brazil several years ago under the alias of Karl Marie Jeske. West German authorities had notified Brazil that he is charged with murder of Jews, but has, thus far, not requested his extradition.

# JEWISH EDUCATION COMMITTEE OPPOSES PAIRING OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, March 31. (JTA) -- The Jewish Education Committee warned the New York City Board of Education that one of the Board's plans for integration of public schools "poses a grave threat to the survival of our system of Jewish religious education."

The warning was contained in a letter to the Board signed by Jules L. Freed, president, and Dr. Azriel Eisenberg, executive vice-president, of the JEC. The plan to which the JEC referred involves Board of Education intentions to pair schools in marginal ethnic and racial neighborhoods which would involve bussing the affected children to the paired schools.

The JEC explained that a large proportion of Jewish children of grade school age and a growing number of children in junior and senior public high schools were receiving their religious education in afternoon Jewish schools three to four days a week. In this way, the JEC said, the children devoted the largest portion of their free time during daylight hours on week-days to instruction in the principles, traditions and classic materials of Judaism and thus "fortify and supplement the spiritual and moral values stressed in the public schools."

Pointing out that nearly 50,000 children attend religious classes in nearly 500 Jewish schools usually operated between 3:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., the JEC declared: "The proposed changes will impose hardships on our children, fatigue and seriously impair the Jewish religious educational program that we have painstakingly established. The proposal to impose on the children's time in getting to and from public schools poses a grave threat to the survival of our system of Jewish religious education. The loss to the children would be enormous."

The JEC officials emphasized that they were in favor of public school integration in principle but added that in any changes for that goal "school attendance should be planned so that it does not infringe upon the limited time and energy that our children have available for study of the religious beliefs, ethical precepts and cultural heritage of our people."

# TORONTO JEWISH POPULATION INCREASED BY MORE THAN 32 PER CENT IN DECADE

TORONTO, March 31; (JTA) -- The Jewish population of metropolitan Toronto increased over the decade 1951-1961 by 32.8 per cent, going up from 66,904 to 88,648, according to statistical data from government censuses compiled for the Canadian Jewish Congress by Louis Rosenberg, research director for the CJC. At the same time, the figures showed, the number of Jews in the central parts of the city had gone down, while those in the suburbs had increased.

## REDEMPTION OF ISRAEL'S 1954 DEVELOPMENT BONDS STARTS TODAY IN U.S.

NEW YORK, March 31. (JTA) -- Development Savings Bonds issued by the State of Israel on and after April 1, 1954 will become eligible for redemption as of tomorrow; it was announced today by Abraham Feinberg, president of the Israel Bond Organization.

Mr. Feinberg declared that matured savings bonds will be redeemed at 150 per cent of the issue price. He estimated that during 1964 Israel would make redemption payments amounting to approximately \$14,000,000 in principal and accrued interest on the Development Savings Bonds that were sold ten years ago.

In addition, he said, a total of about \$29,000,000 in principal and interest will be paid out on the 12-year Israel Independence Savings Bonds, issued in 1952, which will fall due this year. In 1963, the sum of \$24,500,000 was paid out by Israel on the first Independence Savings Bonds sold in 1951.

The Israel Bond Organization is currently engaged in a campaign to sell \$85,000,000 in 1964 as part of the new Third Development Bonds issued on March 1 of this year. Two types of Development Bonds are being offered: 1) 15-year coupon bonds which pay four per cent per annum; 2) 12-year savings bonds which, at maturity, will pay 160 per cent of the issue price.

## 20,000 PARTICIPATE IN PASSOVER PILGRIMAGE TO MT. ZION IN JERUSALEM

TEL AVIV, March 31. (JTA) -- The traditional Passover pilgrimage to Mt. Zion in Jerusalem took place today in a festive atmosphere.

Almost 20,000 pilgrims with choirs, music bands and groups clad in colorful traditional costumes mounted the hundreds of stairs to the Tomb of David to look over the Jordan-held old city in excellent weather. A special train with hundreds of Tel Aviv residents was welcomed at the Jerusalem station by singing groups led by Rabbi S. Z. Cahana of the Ministry for Religious Affairs.

Some 20,000 holiday-makers passed Beer sheba on the way south to Eilat, Israel's southernmost port city and Sodom. Many tourists also went to Eilat to participate in the "Song of the Sea Ceremonies" today. A special boat will take pilgrims out for prayers. Ceremonies will be held in other parts of Israel Friday to conclude the Passover observance.

## DECISION ON TRANSFER OF JABOTINSKY'S REMAINS CONSIDERED VAGUE

TEL AVIV, March 31. (JTA) -- The long-running debate on the transfer of Vladimir Jabotinsky's remains to Israel turned today into a debate over procedures for that transfer and the prestige of those concerned.

The decision of the Government two weeks ago on the reinterment of the Zionist-Revisionist leader's remains in Israel was widely accepted as meeting the conditions of Jabotinsky's will in which he had asked for burial in the soil of a Jewish State by a Jewish Government. However, the leadership of the Herut insisted today that the wording of the Government decision made it seem as though the act was a matter of "aiding the family" and not a decision in accordance with Jabotinsky's will.

Professor Eri Jabotinsky, son of the late Revisionist leader, who had written the letter to which the Government had made its affirmative response, met with Premier Levi Eshkol in Jerusalem for a half-hour talk which an official described as held "in a cordial atmosphere." But apparently no decision was reached as to the participation of the Government and the Army in the funeral. A spokesman for the Premier said there would be another meeting and that it was hoped that all difficulties would be resolved.

Herut and veteran Revisionist members met with Prof. Jabotinsky for a report on his talk with the Premier. It appeared that the character of treatment given to the task of transferring the remains of Jabotinsky to Israel and not the wording of the Government's decision to do so will decide whether the remains actually will be transferred. Herut has demanded a state funeral and reinterment on Mt. Herzl for the remains.

## 6,000 JEWS FROM LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES SETTLED IN ISRAEL IN 1963

TEL AVIV, March 31. (JTA) -- More than 6,000 Jews from Latin American countries settled in Israel in 1963, despite inadequate conditions for settlement of such middle class immigrants, M. Kitron, chairman of the Latin American Immigrants Association, reported today.

He told a meeting of 70 delegates, convened to discuss means of encouraging such immigration, that 20,000 Latin American Jews had settled in Israel since the establishment of the state. He added that he appreciated efforts made by the Jewish Agency and the Government to assist the newcomers but he claimed that there were still no adequate methods and tools for that purpose, and he added that there was an urgent need for improvement in such efforts.

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TODAY'S BULLETIN INCLUDES A SUPPLEMENT OF CARICATURES FROM THE SOVIET ANTI-SEMITIC BOOK 'JUDAISM WITHOUT EMBELLISHMENT'

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