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### JEWISH IDENTITY IN U. S. EVALUATED AT AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE PARLEY

NEW YORK, April 29. (JTA) -- The situation of the Jews and Jewish identity in the United States was evaluated here today by Dr. John Slawson, executive vice-president of the American Jewish Committee, in a report presented to the 57th annual meeting of the organization which opened here tonight at New York Hilton Hotel. Based on extensive studies conducted by the American Jewish Committee, Dr. Slawson arrived at these major conclusions:

1. The will to survive as Jews is the strongest expression of Jewish identity. The vast majority of Jews seek survival as a group.
2. American Jews have the greatest opportunity in their history to develop in the United States their identity within "a framework of Jewish self-regard," while at the same time fully participating in all facets of American life.
3. American Jewish leaders throughout the country believe that "defense against assimilation" is more urgent today than even "defense against discrimination." Dr. Slawson defined the process of "assimilation" as "trying to forget that one is a Jew."
4. There is an increased receptivity in this country to "ethnic and religious diversity." Therefore, "the achievement of identity as Jews, while at the same time participating fully in all facets of life in America, is now a realistic expectation."

Dr. Slawson, who has long been concerned with the problem of Jewish identity in this country and the relationship of Jews to Judaism in America, stressed "the rapid improvement within the general climate with respect to the development of Jewish security and dignity in the United States." He pointed out that anti-Semitism is rapidly and widely being recognized as a "crippling social disorder." At the same time, he stressed that the American society is becoming increasingly pluralistic, and that the idea "of a monolithic America" has lost "its mythic potency with the election of a Catholic President."

#### Dr. Slawson Reports Results of Studies in Various Communities

Dr. Slawson cited Committee studies of Jewish attitudes in a number of communities throughout the country to underscore the Jewish will to survive as Jews. In one medium-sized Atlantic seaboard community, the Committee found that 93 per cent of Jewish parents interviewed and 95 per cent of their adolescent children want Jews to remain a distinct group.

In its studies of "Riverton," the fictional name of the Atlantic seaboard community, the American Jewish Committee found 82 per cent of the parents and 88 per cent of the adolescents said they would choose to be reborn as Jews. In addition, over two-thirds of the parents and nearly three-quarters of the youngsters expressed positive feelings about Jewishness, Dr. Slawson reported. "Riverton" Jews are mostly second generation of East European heritage, with occupations in the professions and trades in the middle income grouping; Dr. Slawson said they do not view Judaism as a burden.

The Committee has also been studying Jewish attitudes in "Lakeville," the fictional name of a mid-western suburban community, which is made up largely of a third generation group of German-Jewish background, with occupations in the professions and business, and in the upper middle range of income. Dr. Slawson said that "these people share with 'Riverton's Jews the will to survive as Jews."

The Committee opened its five-day meeting with more than 1,100 leaders from communities around the country attending a series of sessions on human relations problems and challenges here and abroad. Secretary of State Dean Rusk and Francis Cardinal Spellman will be among the principal speakers at the meeting tomorrow. Secretary Rusk will receive the Committee's American Liberties Medallion "for exceptional advancement of the principles of human liberty." Newton N. Minow, former chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, serves as chairman of the Annual Meeting.

### ZIONIST PARLEY CALLS FOR ACTION TO COMBAT ASSIMILATION AMONG JEWS

BASLE, April 29. (JTA) -- A resolution calling upon the European Zionist movement to intensify the understanding of Jewish values as a means of combating "the problems of assimilation, which is spreading in the Jewish communities," was adopted here at the

closing session of the European Zionist Conference. The parley was attended by more than 150 delegates representing the Zionist organizations in 15 European countries.

In its resolution aimed at fighting the assimilationist trend, the conference called not only for spreading Jewish values but also for strengthening the unity of the Jewish people and the "deepening of national Zionist consciousness."

In another resolution, the conference welcomed "with deep appreciation" the recent joint statement issued by the Israel Government and the World Zionist Organization, "regarding the common responsibility of the State and the Zionist movement for strengthening of practical Zionist work in the Diaspora."

Other resolutions dealt with the situation of the Jews in the Soviet Union and the German scientists working on weapons of mass destruction in Egypt.

#### U. S. DENIES RECEIVING WARNING ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN MIDDLE EAST

WASHINGTON, April 29. (JTA) -- American circles today denied reports in several British newspapers that British Foreign Secretary R. A. Butler warned Secretary of State Dean Rusk of the danger that both Israel and the Arab countries might in the not too distant future acquire radioactive types of weapons. According to American sources, no such information was conveyed by Mr. Butler, nor was this specific subject discussed between him and Mr. Rusk.

(From London it was reported today that the British Foreign Office made a special effort today to play down reports from Washington that the Soviet Union has supplied Egypt with minor nuclear warheads. A spokesman said that the Egyptians might be getting more missiles from the Russians, but not nuclear warheads.)

#### ISRAELI TOP LEVEL OFFICIALS MAP DETAILS OF ESHKOL'S VISIT TO U. S.

JERUSALEM, April 29. (JTA) -- A series of top-level meetings are being held here with the participation of Ambassador Avraham Harman on details of Premier Levi Eshkol's visit to the United States in June, it was disclosed today.

The talks are meant to define the subjects which the Premier plans to raise in his talks with President Johnson and high United States officials during his visit to Washington, on President Johnson's invitation, which will start on June 1.

The fact that members of the Ministry of Defense took part in the meetings indicated that Israel's security problems will be high on the agenda for the talks in Washington, Chief of Staff Yitzhak Rabin also attended the meeting held last night. Much attention was being given to the Premier's planned meetings with American Jewish leaders during the visit.

#### PROTESTANTS BACK BAN OF PRAYER IN SCHOOLS AT CONGRESSIONAL HEARING

WASHINGTON, April 29. (JTA) -- Opposition to any Constitutional amendment to prayers and Bible reading in public schools was voiced today before the House Judiciary Committee by official spokesmen of 40,000,000 American Protestants.

Mr. Edwin Tuller, general secretary of the American Baptist Convention, was the first witness from among the public to testify before the Committee, headed by Congressman Emanuel Celler, which is now in its second week of hearings on the so-called Becker Amendment to allow prayers in schools. Mr. Tuller appeared in a dual capacity, both as a representative of his own church and on behalf of the National Council of Churches, an organization of 31 denominations with a total membership of 40,000,000.

Permitting prayers in public schools would be a clear case of tampering with the First Amendment of the Constitution guaranteeing religious freedom, Mr. Tuller asserted. "Public institutions belong to all citizens whatever their faith or lack of it," the witness declared, and "neither the church nor the state should use the public school to compel acceptance of any creed or conformity to any specific religious practice."

Mr. Tuller expressed very serious doubts of the value of school prayers for the religious education of the youth. He said that the daily school prayers were "more rote than religion" and the daily required Bible readings were "neither true religion nor good education." It would be tragic if, in a moment of emotional turmoil, the nation weakened the First Amendment and woke up too late to realize that a fundamental freedom had been damaged, perhaps destroyed," he said.

#### ITALIAN NEO-FASCISTS BEAT JEWISH YOUTHS AT COMMEMORATIVE RITES

ROME, April 29. (JTA) - Two Jewish students and their teacher were savagely attacked by neo-Fascists while laying a wreath in commemoration of World War II resistance fighters. The assailants shouted anti-Semitic slogans while beating the Jewish youths. The nephew of the writer Carlo Levi was among those attacked. Only one of the assailants was arrested.

Recently the neo-Fascists have used memorial meetings dedicated to the resistance movements as occasions for creating disorder in a number of Italian towns and universities. The Federation of Jewish Youth has sent a protest over this latest incident to the authorities.

## 1,000 JEWISH LEADERS ATTEND INTERFAITH RIGHTS RALLY IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, April 29. (JTA) -- Rabbi Uri Miller, president of the Synagogue Council of America, urged last night at an unprecedented interreligious convocation here that Americans consider the legislative processes involved in civil rights as a reflection of "our moral development."

More than 5,000 Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish leaders attended the interfaith meeting in the Georgetown University, assembled to dramatize for Congress their united support of the civil rights bill passed by the House and now bogged down by a Senate filibuster.

"The American people have been delinquent in putting into practice the principles of the Emancipation Declaration," Rabbi Miller said, "We cannot tolerate intolerance either morally or practically. Civil rights legislation is basic to our progress; it is basic to the moral principles upon which this country is established."

The convocation launched an intensive and renewed effort by major religious groups in the United States not only to push for passage of the civil rights act but also to develop a sharper awareness on the part of church and synagogue members throughout the United States of the need for individual moral commitments in support of the legislation; More than 1,000 Jewish religious leaders were among those who attended the interfaith meeting.

Meanwhile, theological students of the three faiths began today their tenth day of a quiet vigil at the Lincoln Memorial which was organized on an around-the-clock basis for continuation until the civil rights bill becomes law.

A two-day meeting of more than 100 Jewish business and professional leaders, convened by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, opened here tonight to plead for immediate passage of the civil rights legislation now before the Senate. The group will confer with Administration and Senate spokesmen and will meet, individually, with their home-state Senators.

## MAJCR JEWISH GROUPS CONDEMN KING HUSSEIN FOR 'ADVICE' TO U. S. JEWRY

NEW YORK, April 29. (JTA) -- Condemnation of King Hussein for his unwarranted lecture to "American Jews about their deep affection and affinity for the people of Israel," was voiced by the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations in a statement issued today.

The statement by the leaders of 18 organizations, comprising major Zionist and non-Zionist groups representing all Jewish denominations in the U. S., declared that King Hussein and his fellow Arab leaders must reappraise their attitudes on Israel if peace in the Middle East is to be achieved. The statement said:

"King Hussein of Jordan is a guest of the United States on a visit of state. The King's visit ostensibly was for the purpose of discussing with the President of the United States relationships between his country and our own. We applaud the efforts of our government to continue to perfect the bases for mutually good relationships with all nations, including those in the Middle East. But we must regard as a flagrant violation of hospitality and as calculatedly provocative some of the utterances made by King Hussein during his visit.

"The Israeli project for use of her share of the waters of the Jordan River system, was repeatedly misrepresented by King Hussein as unilateral exploitation by Israel of regional resources and as violative of international law, although he knows full well that the project conforms in every detail with recommendations of the United States as proposed by Ambassador Eric Johnston, and despite the fact that Jordan itself already actually is diverting the Yarmuk River, a tributary of the Jordan, also as contemplated by the Johnston proposal; Israel on its part has pledged to adhere fully to the Johnston Plan, and its program is fully within all of the limits of the Johnston Plan.

"The Jordanian monarch, while a guest in the United States, insultingly misrepresented our national policy regarding Israel and other Middle East states as shaped by pressures upon our government from American Jewish sources, rather than upon considerations of national interest. Such an imputation obviously merits nothing better than the scornful silence with which it was greeted in official quarters. Israel's demonstrated desire to join with the Arab governments that surround it to achieve peace and to solve the economic and human problems common to all nations in the Middle East has won the admiration and respect, not only of Americans but of peace-loving nations and peoples in all parts of the world;

"Meanwhile, 16 years after Israel's creation as a state, King Hussein and his Arab associates still try to deny the existence of Israel and to sow dissension among Americans by seeking to cast doubt on the propriety of the deep feelings of affinity with the people of Israel that are shared by American Jews. By lending himself to this effort during his visit here, King Hussein succeeded only in revealing that his pious posing as an advocate of peace and a proponent of better understanding between Israel and her neighbors was but a cloak for his genuine purpose of exacerbating animosities and making meaningful peace impossible."

DIEFENBAKER CALLS FOR ACTION IN CANADA AGAINST ANTI-JEWISH TRACTS

MONTREAL, April 29. (JTA) -- Former Prime Minister John Diefenbaker, Canadian Government Opposition Leader, called for action to curb the spate of anti-Jewish and anti-Negro literature in Canada. He suggested a test case be initiated by the Federal Minister of Justice under Section 166 of the Criminal Code, leaving prosecution of the case to the Attorney General of the province where the act was committed. Section 166 makes it a crime to publish a false statement tale or news likely to cause injury to the public interest.

Mr. Diefenbaker spoke at a dinner here at which he received an honorary fellowship from Bar-Ilan University, Tel Aviv. Several hundred people attended the event, sponsored by the Canadian Friends of Bar-Ilan University. Calling the hate literature "poisonous," he said it was outrageous and offensive and could not be justified as an exercise of freedom of speech.

The former Prime Minister also said that he would like to see Canada take the lead in protesting to the USSR against the anti-Jewish discriminations there. "We should call on Khrushchev and others associated with him to end discriminatory measures for, without protest, the leaders of the USSR may be lulled into believing that what is being done does not matter to the free world." Mr. Diefenbaker received the honorary fellowship from Dr. Joseph H. Lookstein, acting president of Bar-Ilan.

NOTED AMERICAN JEWISH SCIENTISTS ELECTED TO ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

WASHINGTON, April 29. (JTA) -- At least five American Jewish scientists were among a list of 35 noted scholars and researchers elected to membership here last night by the National Academy of Sciences. Another Jewish scientist, Dr. Hans Krebs, of England, who shared the Nobel Prize in physiology and medicine in 1953, was among six foreign scholars chosen by the Academy as associate members.

The five American Jewish scientists newly added to the Academy's membership rolls are: Dr. Lipman Bers, professor of mathematics at New York University; Dr. Louis Barkhouse Flexner, professor of anatomy and director of the Institute of Neurological Sciences at the University of Pennsylvania, who is also research associate in the department of embryology at the Carnegie Institute in Washington.

Also, Dr. Alfred Gilman, professor of pharmacology at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University, New York; Dr. Philip Handler, James B. Duke, professor of biochemistry at Duke University School of Medicine; and Dr. Hans Lewy, professor of mathematics at the University of California, Berkeley.

S/S SHALOM ARRIVES IN NEW YORK ON HER MAIDEN VOYAGE TODAY

NEW YORK, April 29. (JTA) -- The 25,338 gross ton Israeli luxury liner Shalom will arrive in New York on her maiden voyage tomorrow morning. The \$20,000,000 flagship of Israel's merchant marine is scheduled to dock at 1:00 p.m. at Pier 32.

The Shalom is bringing in 650 passengers from Haifa, Naples, Marseilles and Malaga, a number which is deliberately short of her full passenger capacity in order to allow the 640 crew members to acclimatize themselves to the new liner without undue pressure. When the ship sails from New York on May 8 on the return leg of her maiden voyage, she will carry a capacity passenger list.

HISTADRUT FOUNDATION NEARS \$5,000,000 MARK IN PLEDGES BY U. S. DONORS

NEW YORK, April 29. (JTA) -- The American Histadrut Development Foundation has reached a total of \$4,551,000 in long-term commitments by American donors, according to William H. Sytk, national chairman of the three-year-old Foundation. These commitments, in the form of wills, bequests, insurance policies, and other assignments assure future cash income for a wide program of health, vocational training, cultural and welfare institutions of the Histadrut in Israel. In 1964, the Foundation seeks an additional \$2,000,000 in commitments, Mr. Sytk said.

Among the larger bequests registered is that of the late Mr. & Mrs. Solomon Silberberg, of Bayonne, N. J., who left \$441,000 for a Histadrut medical center in Israel; Samuel A. Fryer, the noted Los Angeles chemist and philanthropist, has announced a bequest of more than \$200,000 while Ben Paul Brasley, Pittsburgh attorney, has subscribed \$100,000 toward the Histadrut Scholarship Fund. "The Foundation is not limited to persons with large estates," according to Mr. Sytk. "Even those with modest means may name the Foundation as a beneficiary."

PHILADELPHIA FEDERATION ALLOCATES \$2,270,000 FOR ITS LOCAL SERVICES

PHILADELPHIA, April 29. (JTA) -- The Federation of Jewish Agencies announced today that it has allocated a record budget of \$2,270,000 for the support of its local health and welfare services for the 1964-65 fiscal year starting June 1.

The announcement was made by Nochem S. Winnet, Federation president, following approval of the budget yesterday by the board of trustees. The service fields and the amounts allotted included: Family Care and Individuals, \$407,500; Leisure Time, \$416,000; Child Care, \$236,500; Medical Care, \$881,000.