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## U.S. STARTS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF DESALINATION AGREEMENT WITH ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, June 15. (JTA) -- The United States Government, working with speed to implement the joint American-Israel survey of nuclear desalination possibilities in Israel, today made known the identities of the three American experts designated as the U.S. representatives.

They are Milton Chase, of the U. S. Department of Interior, an expert on electrical power and Staff Assistant on Water and Power Development; Stewart F. Mulford, Saline Water Conversion Expert, Department of the Interior, and Irving Spiewak, Nuclear Power Expert of the Atomic Energy Commission.

The names of the three Israeli counterparts have not yet been officially announced. It was learned that the U.S. officials are already going "full steam ahead" on plans for the survey authorized by President Johnson.

(Israel's Deputy Minister of Defense Shimon Peres arrived in Paris today for high level talks with French officials; Mr. Peres came here from New York where he accompanied Premier Eshkol on his recent American tour. He is expected to ask France to participate in the Eilat nuclear desalination project.)

## BRITISH PARLIAMENT DISCUSSES NASSER'S THREATS TO ISRAEL; CONCERN SHOWN

LONDON, June 15. (JTA) -- Nasser's threats to Israel and the danger to Israel's security by Soviet shipments of arms to Egypt was viewed with concern by members of both the Labor and Conservative parties in Parliament here today who questioned Foreign Secretary R.A. Butler on British policy in the area.

Asserting that the Government continued to attach the greatest importance to the maintenance of peace and stability in the Middle East, Mr. Butler said that the Government was guided by these objectives in any decisions it took. While Britain wished to avoid an arms race in the Middle East, Mr. Butler declared, "we cannot stop shipments to Egypt much as we might dislike them."

Replying to a proposal by Labor member Patrick Gordon Walker that Britain seek the cooperation of the major powers in securing an arms balance in the area, Mr. Butler said that he "would not exclude the possibility of talks with the Soviet Union on this subject."

Noting that Britain was keeping in close touch with its allies on questions pertaining to stability in the Middle East, the Foreign Secretary said, however, that he regarded the United Nations as being primarily responsible for the maintenance of peace in the region and if there was any threat to peace in the area, the Government would consult the United Nations and take whatever action they thought was needed.

Conservative MP Eric Johnson said that the Egyptian Government should be made aware that aggression would have more serious repercussions than a resolution before the Security Council which could be vetoed. Labor Member Sidney Silverman charged in the Commons debate that Egypt was being re-armed by the Soviet Union and was preparing for war against Israel while other Arab states were also being re-armed by Britain.

## British Government Still Against Joining the Genocide Pact

LONDON, June 15. (JTA) -- The British Government is still determined not to reconsider its decision against acceding to the Genocide Convention outlawing mass annihilation of people which has been ratified by 38 nations, Peter Thomas, Joint Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, declared here in Commons today.

Replying to a question by Labor member Sir Barnett Janner, Mr. Thomas reiterated the position that, while the Government accepted the spirit of this Convention and wholeheartedly supported its objects, "we are still not convinced we should reconsider our decision not to accede."

Calling for a review of the Government's refusal to accede to the Convention, Sir Barnett pointed out that there were now no provisions in British law to cope with numerous cases of "indescribable horror" now taking place.

### BEN-GURION URGES BASIC CHANGE IN ISRAEL'S ELECTION SYSTEM

TEL AVIV, June 15. (JTA) -- Former Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion today urged Israel's dominant Mapai party to adopt as their entire platform for the forthcoming election campaign a proposal to change Israel's electoral system to a district representation type similar to that of Britain. Elimination of the present proportional representation system where the voters cast their ballots for party lists on a countrywide basis would tend to do away with small party representation in the Knesset, Israel's Parliament.

Addressing a meeting attended by 500 Mapai leaders, Mr. Ben-Gurion proposed that the new Knesset which would convene after the forthcoming elections, pass a district representation election law and dissolve itself with subsequent elections taking place under the new system. "Only in this way," he declared, "could Mapai fulfill its tasks and not by negotiating for any two-party front," he added, referring to current merger talks between Mapai and Achdut Ha Avodah.

### JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN ITALY HOLD TWO-DAY CONFERENCE ON EDUCATION

ROME, June 15. (JTA) -- Jewish communities throughout Italy were called upon here today to intensify their efforts to seek means of support for Jewish education by the time the education subsidies furnished by the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany are terminated next year.

Addressing a two-day conference on educational problems convened by the Educational and Cultural Department of the Union of Italian Jewish Communities, Renzo Levi, vice-president of the Union, said that it was 20 years since the end of the war in Italy and "the majority of the communities should be ready to pay for their schools."

In a report to the conference, Dr. Augusto Segre, head of the Education Department of the Union, said that the number of pupils in Italian Jewish schools had increased by 15 per cent in the past three years to a total of 2,856. He said, however, that the Italian Jewish community was still not aware of the importance of instilling Jewish values in the new generation.

Rabbi Elio Toaff, chief rabbi of Rome, proposed that the scope of the Rabbinical College here be enlarged to serve as a Higher Institute of Jewish Studies to instruct not only future rabbis but all Jews wishing to engage in Jewish studies. Rabbi Toaff also urged that future rabbis round out their training by spending a year in Israel.

The conference delegates, which included rabbis, educators and communal representatives, adopted a number of resolutions aimed at improving the conditions of the Jewish schools and teachers and raising standards.

### GERMAN INTERIOR MINISTRY REPORTS DECREASE IN ANTI-SEMITIC INCIDENTS

BERLIN, June 15. (JTA) -- The West German Interior Ministry reported today that Nazi and anti-Semitic incidents in West Germany decreased again during 1963 after reaching a peak during the trial of Adolf Eichmann in Jerusalem.

The report, which contended that the epoch of fascism had been ended for the German people for all time, said that during 1963, there had been 177 cases reported of such incidents as threats or insults to Jewish citizens, wall daubings, circulation of illegal anti-Jewish pamphlets and nine cases of Jewish cemetery vandalism.

Ninety-one of these cases had been cleared up by police, the report said, and 115 persons arrested. The report added that 57 per cent of those arrested were under 30 years of age and that an analysis of the cases showed that the culprits were acting from "deep political motives."

The data on anti-Semitic incidents was part of a broad survey of reactionary groups in West Germany. The report said that at the end of 1963 there were 24,600 members of such groups, 3,000 less than in 1962. Interior Minister Hoehner warned, however, against underestimating attempts by "certain people" to vindicate National Socialism by misusing discussion about responsibility for World War II.

The report said that some 17,600 of the total membership of rightwing groups belonged to four organizations and that there were four more groups with 3,000 members. The remaining 4,000 belong to 115 splinter groups each with an average membership of 35.

A "disturbing fact" cited in the report was the increased circulation of nationalistic publications from 191,010 to 223,000. In addition, the report said, 60 fascist periodicals and a large number of pamphlets came into West Germany from 16 countries, including Britain, the United States, France, Belgium, Italy and Sweden.

The report said that the most dangerous of such publications were those not identified with any group which present extreme attitudes on such issues as war guilt, the expelled and their "right to the homeland" and war criminals. The report stressed that such efforts must be checked, particularly where there was a risk of influencing young Germans.

## AUSTRIAN CHANCELLOR REFUTES CHARGES OF BELONGING TO NAZI GROUP

VIENNA, June 15. (JTA) -- The libel trial by Austrian Chancellor Josef Klaus against a former concentration camp survivor who charged the chancellor with having been a member of a Nazi storm troop group opened here today.

Viktor Matejka, a leading member of the Austrian Communist party, charged that the Chancellor had been a member of the illegal group in 1938 before the occupation of Austria; Matejka also publicly accused Chancellor Klaus of not having intervened during the Nazi regime for a man named Staudt, who died in a concentration camp. Matejka said Klaus then had the power to do so.

The attorney for the Chancellor submitted a statement at the trial denying that the Chancellor had ever been a member of any Nazi organization and that he could not have intervened for Staudt because he had no connections with the Nazis.

## POLITICAL LEADERS IN AUSTRALIA DEMAND ACTION AGAINST LOCAL NAZIS

MELBOURNE, June 15. (JTA) -- The first public exposure of Nazism in Australia touched off widespread demands today for action against the local Nazis. The exposure was in the form of a telecast of a Nazi group meeting in a suburban house in Sydney in which jackbooted uniformed men gave Nazi salutes in front of a picture of Hitler and screamed "Hitler was right."

Strong objections were voiced in the press and by federal and state political leaders, civic leaders and spokesmen for the general community. R.W. Askin, the opposition leader in Parliament, said "Nazism is abhorrent to Liberal party members." He said he deplored the fact that "any" Australians "have felt impelled to join a body sponsoring the "shameful Nazi creed."

A Labor party spokesman said "it is disturbing to hear people supporting the Nazi movement in Australia and to hear the spokesman for this organization say that the extermination of more than 6,000,000 Jews was only an allegation of the press."

## DR. MENGELE, NAZI 'SELECTION DOCTOR,' REPORTED HIDING IN PARAGUAY

BRUSSELS, June 15. (JTA) -- Le Soir, Belgium's largest daily newspaper, asserted today that Josef Mengele, the long-hunted "selection doctor" of the Auschwitz death camp, was in hiding in North Paraguay under the protection of one of the most influential army officers of the regime.

According to the report, Mengele entered Paraguay from Buenos Aires in October 1958 and in 1959 he received Paraguayan nationality though he had not been a resident of the country for five years as required by law. Immediately on arrival in Asuncion, the report said, he was taken under the protection of Robert Jung, a businessman who made it his aim, immediately after the collapse of Hitler's Germany, to settle former Nazis in Paraguay.

Mengele mixed freely with various circles in Asuncion until 1960 when Adolf Eichmann was seized and brought to Israel. From that time on Mengele was a wanted man. However, he was not believed to be in immediate threat of arrest because his extradition might be difficult in view of his present nationality.

It was also indicated that Mengele might be involved in smuggling activities exposure of which could compromise men in high military position and that he was protected by the "Cuchilleros," men armed with knives who protect the security of military chiefs and smugglers. Mengele's security was portrayed as being finally dependent on the continuation of the Stroesser dictatorship in Paraguay.

## NEW BOOK CHARGES POPE PIUS XII WITH FAILING TO DEFEY NAZIS ON JEWS

NEW YORK, June 15. (JTA) -- The charge that Pope Pius XII remained silent in the face of the Nazi annihilation of 6,000,000 Jews in order to protect the special interests of the Catholic Church is being voiced in a book published here today, the author of which is a Professor of Government at the University of Massachusetts who spent three years in research on the subject.

The book, "The Catholic Church and Nazi Germany," by Guenter Lewy, appears to support the similar thesis expressed in the stage play, "The Deputy," by Rolf Hochhuth. While Mr. Lewy praises the Catholic priests in Germany and other countries who defied Nazi terrorism to shelter Jews, he sharply criticizes Pope Pius for failing to threaten Hitler and other Catholic Nazi leaders with "an interdict or excommunication."

## CATHOLIC BISHOP IN MEXICO SAYS ANTI-SEMITISM IS 'ANTI-CHRISTIAN'

MEXICO CITY, June 15. (JTA) -- Dr. Sergio Mendez Arceo, the Catholic Bishop of the State of Cuernavaca, denounced anti-Semitism as "anti-Christian" and voiced sympathy for Israel in a meeting here today with a delegation representing the Central Jewish Committee. The delegation included Gregorio Shapiro, president of the Committee, Fernando Jeno and Eduardo Klar.

## MONUMENT TO 6,000,000 JEWISH VICTIMS OF NAZIS UNVEILED IN GENEVA

GENEVA, June 15. (JTA) -- A monument to the 6,000,000 Jewish victims of Nazism was unveiled here yesterday in the square in front of Geneva's Great Synagogue. Among those taking part in the ceremonies were Israel Ambassador Moshe Bartur, the directors of the European office of the United Nations and other international organizations, high civic officials and representatives of the various religious denominations.

In addresses at the gathering, both Geneva Chief Rabbi Alexander Safran and Georg Brunschvig, president of the Jewish community here, deplored the world's silence in the face of the extermination of European Jewry by the Nazis 20 years ago and appealed strongly to world opinion today to raise its voice against current threats by Arab leaders to destroy Israel.

## NEW YORK CLERGYMEN OF ALL FAITHS HOLD PRAYER MEETING FOR SOVIET JEWS

NEW YORK, June 15. (JTA) -- Jewish, Catholic and Protestant clergymen participated in a prayer meeting calling for an end to the religious and cultural discrimination against Soviet Jewry which was held here yesterday near the office of the Soviet Mission to the United Nations.

The service was attended by some 50 Jewish New York City college students, all members of the recently organized Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry. Representatives of the student committee have been staging a hunger protest near the Soviet Mission building since last Tuesday.

The clergymen read selections from the Bible and, in an unusual departure from Jewish practice, the shofar was blown following a prayer voiced by Rabbi Steven Riskin, a teacher at Yeshiva University. The students carried signs reading: "I am my brothers' keeper," "Re-open the synagogues," and "Freedom now for Soviet Jews."

## HERZLIAH INSTITUTE AWARDS 31 TEACHERS' DIPLOMAS TO GRADUATES

NEW YORK, June 15. (JTA) -- Thirty-one graduates were awarded Hebrew teachers' diplomas by the Herzliyah Hebrew Teachers Institute at commencement exercises held here yesterday. This was the largest graduating class in the 43 years since the Institute was founded. In addition eight students were graduated from the Herzliyah High School.

Guest speaker at the ceremony was Dr. Samuel M. Blumenfield, director of the Department of Education and Culture of the Jewish Agency for Israel. The Herzliyah Institute was founded in 1921 by the Hebrew poet and scholar Moses Feinstein. Since its inception the institute has trained thousands of students from all parts of the United States, Europe and Israel.

Abraham Goodman presented the following awards to outstanding students: The I. J. Kaplan Award in General Scholarship; The Mr. and Mrs. Mendel Haber Award in Literature; The Israel and Gussie Matz Memorial Book prizes; The Mr. and Mrs. David Morgenstern Award in Bible; The Daniel Persky Memorial Award in Grammar; The Mr. and Mrs. William Salzman Award in Talmud; and The Menachem Schlossberg Memorial Award in History.

## INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR OPENS TODAY IN TEL AVIV; 36 LANDS PRESENTED

TEL AVIV, June 15. (JTA) -- Dr. Robert White, head of the United States Meteorological Department, arrived here today to open the U.S. Pavilion at the International Trade Fair opening here tomorrow. Dr. White will replace Undersecretary of Commerce Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr. who was forced to cancel his participation due to urgent Government business. Mr. Roosevelt's son, Christopher, will represent his father personally at the ceremonies. Thirty-eight countries are participating in the Fair with exhibits.

In a message to the people of Israel in connection with the opening of the Fair, President Lyndon B. Johnson said that the American pavilion would open "a new avenue for the expansion of trade between our two nations." Noting that the Fair promised "to generate more trade and more prosperity for the people of both of our countries," President Johnson expressed confidence that "this mutual promise will be fulfilled."

## CEREMONY MARKS LAUNCHING OF NEW ISRAELI FREIGHTER IN ITALIAN PORT

ROME, June 15. (JTA) -- Zim's new freighter "Avdat" was symbolically launched today in Castellamare di Stabia, a port near Naples. The freighter was built for Zim by an Italian construction company, "Navalmeccanica," which also built Avdat's sister ship "in Gedi." The launching was symbolic because of a shipyard workers' strike which is scheduled to end Monday, thus delaying Avdat's sailing for a few days.

The launching ceremony was carried out by Mrs. Sara Hammer, of Brooklyn, wife of Gottlieb Hammer, president of the Zim Israel Navigation Company in New York. Attending the ceremony were Dr. Wydra, head of the Zim line who praised the Italian company which built the vessel, and Signor Nardi, president of Navalmeccanica, who thanked Zim for commissioning "Avdat" and "Ein Gedi." The Naples district commissioner and other authorities were also present at the ceremony.