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### MOSCOW ASSAILS AMERICAN-ISRAEL DESALINATION PACT; INCITES ARABS

LONDON, June 18; (JTA) -- The Moscow radio today, in an Arab-language broadcast beamed to the Arab countries, assailed the American-Israel desalination agreement, asserting that it would go far beyond the limits of desalination and should, therefore, be a cause of concern to the Arabs. The broadcast said that Prime Minister Eshkol himself had "insinuated" that nuclear cooperation would not be restricted to desalination. "It is clear to what the Israeli Prime Minister refers as the most modern weapons," Moscow claimed. "Obtaining these weapons overtly is forbidden, so Israel found a pretext to hide nuclear cooperation with the United States;"

The Moscow broadcast also accused Israel of "provocative conduct" in proceeding with its Jordan waters plans. The broadcast charged that "instead of seeking ways for a peaceful solution to the question of the Jordan waters with all the countries concerned, Israel's ruling quarters are pursuing another course which cannot be described except as 'provocative.' Tel Aviv is in fact defying the Arabs and does not wish to take into account their vital interests."

"The Israeli expansionist policy will only lead to the complication of the situation in the Near East," the broadcast asserted. It said that "these dangerous actions" were started during the Eshkol visit to the United States. It warned "the ruling quarters in Washington" of "the dangerous consequences to which the actions of their allies in Tel Aviv could lead."

### GERMAN PARLIAMENT GETS BILL SEEKING TO CHECK SCIENTISTS IN EGYPT

BERLIN, June 18, (JTA) -- The opposition Social Democrats submitted to the West German Parliament today a bill designed to spur Government action to restrain the activities of West German rocket and missile experts now working on such weapons in Egypt. Israel has repeatedly denounced those activities and asked the West German Government to act against them;

The bill is an amendment to Article 26 of the West German federal constitution. The bill would amplify the second paragraph of the Article which reads that "weapons designed for warfare may be manufactured, transported or marketed only with the permission of the Federation Government;"

Chancellor Ludwig Erhard's Christian Democratic party has been considering for months an amendment to the West German passport law permitting withdrawal of travel documents of nationals engaged in war production in sensitive overseas areas. The Cabinet, however, has not made a decision and Government spokesmen have referred several times to legal difficulties involving basic constitutional rights of West German citizens;

Representatives of West Germany's major political parties met with the Chancellor Monday night to discuss the problem. Foreign Minister Gerhard Schroeder and Justice Minister Ewald Bucher participated. The Government was understood to be anxious to work out an agreement based on the consent of all parties; The Socialist amendment was the basis for the discussion at the meeting, at which the Christian Democrats reportedly expressed some misgivings. Social Democratic officials, however, contended that the amendment would not involve any restrictions of the basic rights of West Germans;

### VATICAN STRESSES POPE PAUL'S AUDIENCES TO U. S. JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS

ROME, June 18, (JTA) -- The press office of the Osservatore Romano, the official organ of the Vatican, issued today an evaluation of Pope Paul's first year in office which stressed that the Pope gave audiences to two major American Jewish organizations and emphasized his visit to Israel last January.

The events involving Jews were listed as among the Pope's efforts and achievements in his first year to establish "durable links" of the Catholic Church with the modern world. One of the audiences was with a Study Mission of the United Jewish Appeal last fall and the other was with a delegation of members of the American Jewish Committee last May 30.

The evaluation described the latter meeting as "a further significant audience in the frame of the approach between Catholics and Jews." It stressed that at the audience the Pope "dealt with the Catholic attitude toward Judaism, foremostly with regard to racial, political and religious questions." The press office also described in detail the Pope's visit to Israel, stating that he was greeted by the highest authorities of the state headed by President Shazar."

### POPE PIUS CONSIDERED REPORTS ON NAZI ATROCITIES ON JEWS EXAGGERATED

WASHINGTON, June 18; (JTA) -- The late Pope Pius felt in 1943 that Nazi anti-Jewish atrocities were being exaggerated by the Allies and stated that "when talking of atrocities he could not name the Nazis without at the same time mentioning the Bolsheviks" which might displeasé the Allies, according to official State Department documents made public yesterday.

The Pope was quoted by Harold H. Tittman, assistant to Myron C. Taylor, personal representative of President Roosevelt to the Vatican, in a dispatch sent Jan. 5, 1943, from U.S. Minister Leland Harrison in Berne, Switzerland, to the Secretary of State. Describing his meeting with the Pope, Mr. Tittman said the Pope "stated that he 'feared' that there was foundation for the atrocity reports of the Allies but led me to believe that he felt that there had been some exaggeration for purpose of propaganda."

Diplomatic documents of 1942 had already disclosed that the United States, through President Franklin D. Roosevelt's personal representatives at the Vatican, joined other Governments in urging the Pope to speak out against the "incredible horrors" committed by the Nazis against Poles and others as well as Jews. Volume II of the 1943 papers, in a series entitled "Foreign Relations of the United States," makes public one more document on the subject. It contains Mr. Tittman's report to the State Department.

Mr. Tittman, in his report, said that he had a 40-minute interview with the Pope. The conversation turned to the Pope's 1942 Christmas message issued the week before. "With regard to his Christmas message," Mr. Tittman wrote, "the Pope gave me the impression that he was sincere in believing that he had spoken clearly enough to satisfy all those who had been insisting in the past that he utter some word of condemnation of the Nazi atrocities and he seemed surprised when I told him that I thought there were some who did not share his belief;

"The Pope said he thought that it was plain to everyone that he was referring to the Poles, Jews and hostages when he declared that hundreds of thousands of persons had been killed or tortured through no fault of their own, sometimes only because of their race or nationality," Mr. Tittman stated in his report. "He explained that when talking of atrocities he could not name the Nazis without at the same time mentioning the Bolsheviks and this he thought might not be wholly pleasing to the Allies;

"He stated that he 'feared' that there was foundation for the atrocity reports of the Allies, but led me to believe that he felt that there had been some exaggeration for purpose of propaganda," Mr. Tittman wrote, quoting the Pope. "Taken as a whole, he thought his 'message should be welcomed by the American people and I agreed with him," Mr. Tittman said.

### HABIMAH STARTS HEBREW PERFORMANCES OF 'THE DEPUTY' IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, June 18; (JTA) -- Rolf Hochhuth's controversial play about Pope Pius XII and the Nazi slaughter of European Jews, "The Deputy," will be presented tonight in Hebrew by the Habimah, Israel's national theater troupe.

Since its return from a United States tour, Habimah has made special efforts to present the play, slating its best performers. The play contends that the late Pontiff failed to speak out against the Nazi slaughter of the European Jews;

### CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP BECOMES PRESIDENT OF BRITISH CHRISTIAN-JEWISH BODY

LONDON, June 18; (JTA) -- Dr. John Heenan, Catholic Archbishop of Westminster, accepted last night an invitation of the British Council of Christians and Jews to become a president of the Council. The event marked the return of British Catholics to the inter-faith organization after an absence of ten years.

Archbishop Heenan, in accepting the invitation, implemented an announcement two weeks ago that, with permission, he planned to take the step. A representative of the Archbishop said the acceptance of the invitation was "a significant and much welcome development in relations between the Catholic Church and the Jews."

### JUDGE FINDS JEWISH PICKETING OF JORDAN PAVILION A PEACEFUL ACT

NEW YORK, June 18; (JTA) -- Judge Bernard Dubin of Queens County Criminal Court today reserved decision following the trial of the 12 leaders of the American Jewish Congress charged with picketing the Jordanian pavilion at the New York World's Fair on May 25; Judge Dubin said he considered the pickets to be not guilty of disorderly picketing and was convinced that their demonstration in front of the Jordanian pavilion had been entirely peaceful.

"There is no doubt in my mind that the American Jewish Congress leaders picketed peacefully. The only question before me is whether their active peaceful picketing in violation of the World's Fair regulation was, in fact, a violation of the law," he declared. C. Irving Dwork, national secretary of the AJC, who had been charged also with resisting arrest, was found not guilty by Judge Dubin. Both sides were given until July 9 to present briefs on the question.

### LAST SYNAGOGUE IN MINSK DEMOLISHED; 56,000 JEWS LIVE IN CITY

LONDON, June 18: (JTA) -- The last synagogue in Minsk has been razed, the demolition starting without prior notice, while Jews were attending services in the structure, it was reported here today from Moscow.

The worshippers had been expecting the razing of the synagogue, a small wooden structure, to provide room for a new apartment house, for at least a year. But they had not been given any notice of the date and were at services when workmen appeared on May 29 to start tearing the building down, according to the report.

There are now about 56,000 Jews as compared to the 600,000 who lived there prior to the Nazi occupation of this Soviet City where they annihilated the Jewish population. The Minsk religious Jews reportedly are planning to hold services in apartments, using whatever religious requisites they were able to salvage from the razed synagogue.

The structure, believed to have been centuries old, had become delapidated in recent years; it had been a small part of what once had been a series of synagogue schools and buildings, since converted into apartments; Minsk city officials reportedly asserted that the Jewish community did not ask for another building to replace the razed synagogue, but it was also reported that the Jews made such a request and that the request was rejected.

### REFORM RABBIS FIND 80% OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS CIRCUMVENT BAN ON PRAYER

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., June 18: (JTA) -- The Central Conference of American Rabbis charged today that 80 per cent of public schools in the United States were "in wholesale disrespect" of the Supreme Court ban on prayers and Bible readings in the schools; The charge was made in a report approved by the 850 delegates at the 75th annual convention of the Reform rabbinical association meeting here.

Warning that proposals to circumvent the Supreme Court decision were "fraught with danger," the rabbis assailed a proposed constitutional amendment introduced in the House by Rep. Frank E. Becker, New York Republican, which is now before the House Judiciary Committee, along with some 140 similar proposals. The rabbis expressed the hope that the proposals would not be favorably reported out of that committee "and that no compromise be proposed which could only negate the positive effects of the Supreme Court decisions." The proposals would void those decisions.

The rabbis rejected "the contention that our schools are irreligious because of the elimination of religious practices and observances." They asserted that perfunctory religious rites for school children contribute nothing to their spiritual enrichment or religious commitment; The elimination of such rites does not make the school godless.

The rabbinical delegates also strongly opposed the shared time plan, under which pupils of sectarian schools are sent to public schools to share instruction in secular subjects with public school pupils. They said the plan, which has been tested in a few cities, had "serious dangers." It is likely to accentuate religious differences, they asserted. "It may involve religious functionaries in various aspects of public school administration, curriculum planning and scheduling," they argued.

### Ask Bonn to Recall German Nuclear Experts from Egypt

The rabbis called on the West German Government to "prove its allegiance to the cause of world peace" by recalling the West German scientists working on Egyptian arms development or to "cancel their citizenship." The delegates also urged the adoption of a "ban under UN control of the supply, manufacturing, research and development of nuclear weapons and guided missiles for the Middle East nations."

The delegates also hailed the recent declaration by President Johnson that the "United States supports social and economic and political progress in the Middle East" and the pledge of support for "the security of both Israel and her neighbors."

### FIFTEEN RABBIS ARRESTED IN ST. AUGUSTINE PRO-NEGRO DEMONSTRATION

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla., June 18: (JTA) -- Fifteen Reform rabbis were among 37 demonstrators arrested here today when they sought to recite Hebrew prayers at a motel involved in a desegregation controversy. The Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth, a Negro desegregation leader, led the delegation in prayer. The rabbis arrived here yesterday to join the Rev. Martin Luther King's desegregation drive; They came from the convention in Atlantic City of the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

The motel manager, James Brock, shoved the rabbis and abused them physically, stating "you are not going to pray here. This is private property." He hustled them into police cars with the help of police who arrested the rabbis. Four police squad cars filled with rabbis were driven to jail. With the first arrests the rabbis began reciting a Psalm, "Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death..."

While the rabbis were being pushed, shoved, and dragged into police cars, Negro and white demonstrators jumped into the motel's "white only" swimming pool; They were then beaten by police and arrested along with the rabbis. The rabbis were charged with conspiracy to violate state laws, trespassing and disorderly conduct.

2,000 ATTEND FUNERAL SERVICES FOR LOUIS SEGAL; MOURNED IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, June 18; (JTA) -- Some 2,000 persons filled the B'nai Jeshurun Synagogue here today at funeral services for Louis Segal, veteran Zionist and labor leader, who died Tuesday at the age of 69; Hundreds of other mourners, who were unable to gain admittance for lack of room, remained outside the synagogue during the rites; (In Israel, plans were announced today for a memorial meeting in Tel Aviv at the end of the Chivah mourning period;)

Ambassador Katriel Katz delivered a message of condolence from Prime Minister Levi Eshkol declaring that "the State of Israel, the Zionist movement, the labor movement and Louis Segal's myriad friends will for many years feel the absence of his sagacious advice, his innate sensitivity to Jewish need and the warmth of his great human heart;"

Mrs. Rose L. Halprin, chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency, said in her eulogy at the funeral services that "the Jewish people has lost a devoted and militant worker and the Zionist movement has lost a consecrated worker."

Eulogies also were delivered by Meyer L. Brown, founder and honorary president of the Farband-Labor Zionist Order; Samuel Bonchek, president of Farband; Jacob Katzman, an associate general secretary of Farband; Alex Rose, president of the Hat; Cap and Millinery Workers Union; and Mordecai Strigler, editor of Yiddisher Kempfer, American Labor Zionist organ; Rabbi William Berkowitz officiated;

Messages of condolence received included one from Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, declaring that "the Jewish people and the Zionist movement have lost one of the most devoted and courageous leaders;" Moshe Sharet, chairman of the executive of the Jewish Agency for Israel, said in a message that Segal was a "life-long standard bearer of Labor Zionism, tireless worker and intrepid fighter for the Zionist cause;"

Rabbi Mordecai Kirshblum, president of the Religious Zionists of America, delivered a brief eulogy at the interment at the Farband cemetery in Paramus, N.J.

APARTMENT BUILDING FOR JEWISH VICTIMS OF NAZISM ERECTED IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, June 18; (JTA) -- A 12-story apartment building to house 220 elderly Jewish victims of the Nazi holocaust was opened yesterday in the Flushing section of Queens. The apartment residence, which has been granted tax exemption by the city, was built with the aid of reparations paid by the West German Government and will be operated by United Help, Inc., a Jewish agency that administers reparations funds;

The building consists of two and three-room apartments as well as a cafeteria for those who are ill or not inclined to cook; Those who cannot pay the full rentals for the apartments will receive help from the Gustav Wurzeiler Foundation.

INSTITUTION IN MEMORY OF RABBI MAIMON ESTABLISHED IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, June 18; (JTA) -- The Yad Harav Maimon, a center established in memory of Rabbi Yehuda Leib Maimon, Israel's first Minister for Religious Affairs, was dedicated here today. Those attending included President Shazar, Sephardic Chief Rabbi Yitzhak Nissim, Former Premier David Ben-Gurion, Cabinet Ministers and a large assembly of other dignitaries.

The Center now includes a Rabbi Kook Institute, a Maimonides Institute and the Religious Zionist Archives. Three additional projects are planned; They are a Yehuda Library of the late Mizrahi leaders Judaica collection, the third largest in the world, a school of Hassidic Studies, and a Torah Judaism College. Six additional projects also are planned.

ISRAELI-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ERECTS \$1,000,000 BUILDING

TEL AVIV, June 18; (JTA) -- Ground was broken here today for a million-dollar 12-story Israeli-American Chamber of Commerce Building.

Greetings were brought for the Israel Government by Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir and for the United States Government by Walworth Barbour, American Ambassador to Israel. Others attending the ground-breaking were Dr. Robert White, special representative of the United States Department of Commerce to the Tel Aviv Fair, Mayor Mordechai Namir, and Zeev Grodetski, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Sapir and Mr. Barbour expressed hopes for the fostering of Israeli-American trade through the facilities of the new building; Mr. Grodetski said the Chamber's sister organization in the United States would contribute \$500,000 for the building and the Israeli chapter would raise the equivalent in Israeli currency.