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### ESHKOL SAYS HIS VISIT TO U.S. STRENGTHENED ISRAEL'S SECURITY POSITION

JERUSALEM, June 21. (JTA) -- Premier Eshkol, in a statement to the press, asserted today that he was "sure" his visit to the United States and his meetings with President Johnson "will prove decisive regarding Israel's political security position in the coming years."

He said that while he believes the United States would come to Israel's aid if she were attacked, this in no way "minimized" the need for Israel to maintain a strong deterrent force. He added that "even the Americans did not tell us we should not rely on our own strength."

Premier Eshkol was also reported today as telling the Cabinet that Washington had indicated that United States forces could reach the area in hours if Israel were attacked and that the United States accepted the principle of preserving the Israel-Arab balance of strength.

The Premier reported to the Cabinet today that on his visit to Paris starting next Sunday he will meet French President De Gaulle, Premier Georges Pompidou, Foreign Minister Couve De Murville and Defense Minister Pierre Messmer. His detailed itinerary will be published this week in Paris and Jerusalem simultaneously.

Mr. Eshkol also told the Cabinet that Abba Eban will be Acting Premier and Pinhas Sapir, Acting Defense Minister in his absence. Before leaving, Mr. Eshkol plans to appoint the three Israelis who will represent Israel on the Joint U.S.-Israel desalination project team.

Also reporting to the Cabinet today was the Governor of the Bank of Israel, Mr. David Horowitz, who called the United Nations Trade Development Conference at Geneva, from which he has just returned, a "historic conference."

He stressed that Israel's proposal for channeling inter-governmental aid for subsidizing interest rates for loans to developing countries was adopted without opposition and even supported by the Arabs. He also said Israel was promised membership on one of the conference board's three committees and will be supported for membership on the board in its next elections.

### 300 SWISS UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS PROTEST SALE OF SWISS ARMS TO EGYPT

GENEVA, June 21. (JTA) -- More than 300 university professors issued a protest this week against the illegal but almost open sale of arms by Swiss firms to Egypt. They emphasized that Egypt is preparing to make war on Israel. Two leading Swiss newspapers, Journal de Geneve and La Suisse, have attached great importance to the protest and have backed up its charges. Signers of the protest were lecturers of the Federal Polytechnic School, the Institute of Advanced Commercial and Administrative Studies, and universities and colleges throughout the country.

The purpose of the protest, said its signatories, was to both arouse public opinion on the issue, and to draw the attention of the Swiss authorities to the illegal export of arms to Egypt in the light of the "very grave problem" of Nasser's threats against Israel.

The "Journal de Geneve" in commenting on the protest, pointed out that, in spite of the fact that the Federal Council prohibited the export of arms to Near Eastern countries nine years ago, "there are ways of getting around the law." The newspaper cited a firm directed by former SS man Ferdinand Wertner which exports machine tools for military use to Egypt. "Even worse is the almost open export of arms by leading Swiss manufacturers made public during the last trial of two Jews accused of spying for Israel," the paper stressed.

The paper said it learned from several sources that Nasser's war preparations will be backed by other states. "Similar reproaches are being directed against Swiss firms, reproaches which have only been denied in part, the article pointed out.

### Nasser Rejects Anglo-American Appeal to Halt Importation of Arms

LONDON, June 21. (JTA) -- President Nasser of Egypt was reported today to have rejected Anglo-American appeals not to increase Egypt's armed strength on grounds that "we cannot forget the catastrophe of 1948 when Israel was established."

## ARABS BOYCOTT MEDITERRANEAN PARLEY IN FLORENCE; ISRAELIS PARTICIPATE

FLORENCE, Italy, June 21; (JTA) -- The Fourth Mediterranean Conference opened here this weekend with Israelis present but Arabs absent. The conference will discuss a number of problems, including colonialism, racial segregation, the situation of minorities in Middle Eastern countries, the suppression of cultural and religious freedom in Communist lands, and Cyprus.

The Arab boycott of the conference was considered an indication that the Arab rulers have no intention of talking about peace in the Mediterranean area at conferences--even regional meetings--in which Israel participates.

Mayor La Pira of Florence, in a message to the heads of the Arab states, said that the opening of the conference "was magnificent" and reminded them that in the same hall "the tree for Algerian peace was planted" in 1958. Emphasizing that the conference hopes for "a total peace in the Mediterranean," Prof. La Pira concluded his telegram to the Arab rulers with the words: "God bless our hope. May He assemble in brotherly peace the tormented family of Abraham."

In his opening address, Mayor La Pira recalled the First Mediterranean Conference in 1958 was held in the same hall as the present conference but with the participation of delegates from France, Algeria, Israel and the Arab countries. At that time, he pointed out, peace between France and Algeria seemed a dream. Referring to the Bible, Mayor La Pira appealed to the political leaders of the Arab nations to work for peace in the area.

"Let us gather around these tables and stop fighting Jews, Christians, Moslems; let us search for points that unite us and forget those that divide us," he declared. He expressed hope that eventually the Mediterranean Conference will take place "not in Florence but in Jerusalem, the City of God, the City of Peace, the Holy City which is venerated by all nations of the family of Abraham." He emphasized that he considered Florence only the "deputy seat" for world peace because Jerusalem is still a city divided and enjoys no peace.

## ISRAELI ECONOMISTS FORESEE \$50,000,000 IN ADDITIONAL EXPORT TO EUROPE

AMSTERDAM, June 21; (JTA) -- A conference of Israeli economic and commercial envoys concluded here with a series of proposals to increase Israeli exports to European countries both within and outside the European Common Market.

One proposal was to seek greater use of the free ports, such as Copenhagen and Rotterdam, to accelerate and facilitate the distribution of agricultural and industrial exports. Another proposal called for increased production or restricted consumption in Israel of products for which markets could be opened abroad.

The envoys also suggested encouragement of manufacture in Israel of products not now made there for which there was demand overseas. They also urged a more careful study of markets, and visits by Israeli exporters to customer countries.

The envoys envisaged a further increase of exports amounting to at least \$50,000,000 during the present year. Akiva Govrin, Minister of State in charge of trade and industry, said he was "very much impressed" by the "very real and practical ideas of the enthusiastic and knowledgeable economic and commercial envoys of Israel in Europe."

He added that he was determined to bring about "concrete action by the Israel Government on the policies" discussed at the three-day parley.

## ABRAHAM MOSS, PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF DEPUTIES, DEAD; WAS ELECTED SUNDAY

MANCHESTER, June 21; (JTA) -- Alderman Abraham Moss, who was elected president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews only last Sunday, died here yesterday of a heart attack at the age of 65. Funeral services were held here today.

Alderman Moss gave a lifetime of public service and was active in both Jewish and non-Jewish spheres of human welfare, his special interest being education. He was Lord Mayor of Manchester in 1953-54.

Mr. Moss was born in Manchester in 1889 of Rumanian immigrants. His father was a Chassid and a Talmudic scholar. Mr. Moss was in the textile business but his main interest was public service. He was a member of the Manchester City Council for nearly 40 years, and his term as Mayor was praised as "memorable."

Mr. Moss visited Israel every year for the past 25 years. He was a Governor of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and served on the boards of various schools in England, under both Jewish and non-Jewish auspices.

Vice-president of the Board of Deputies for eight years, Alderman Moss defeated Sir Barnett Janner, the incumbent president, for the office of president a week ago. New elections were expected to take place soon. In the interim, Mr. S. Teff, senior vice-president of the Board, will be in charge.

## CATHOLIC EDITOR CRITICIZES POPE PIUS'S STAND ON NAZI MURDER OF JEWS

MELBOURNE, June 21, (JTA) -- A leading Catholic editor told a Melbourne University audience today that he wished the late Pope Pius XII "had found it possible as a matter of judgment to have publicly denounced the slaughter of Jews" by the Nazis "as a matter of principle."

B. A. Santamaria, editor of the Catholic Journal, a lay periodical, added that it would have made him personally "more tranquil" about the policy of the Vatican if the late Pontiff had condemned the murder of Jews. His lecture before a capacity audience in the university's B'nai B'rith Hall was arranged by the University's Jewish Students Society.

Mr. Santamaria also asserted that the charge of Jewish guilt for the death of Jesus was "a moral wrong which should have been done away with many years ago; it is historical humbug." He added that the "hoary old attitude of so many Catholics in past ages that the Jewish race is in some way collectively responsible for the death of Jesus and that this in some way justifies anti-Semitism is historical nonsense and moral rubbish."

He told the University audience that this attitude "ought to have been fought long ago by the Catholic Church precisely in the way in which the Ecumenical Council proposes to fight it now." He added that it was completely unnecessary for Jews "to shout gratitude" for that action "because we are belatedly doing what is right."

## REFORM RABBIS SAY CLEARING JEWS OF DEICIDE CHARGE IS CHURCH PROBLEM

ATLANTIC CITY, June 21, (JTA) -- Most of the Reform rabbis attending the annual convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis here believe that Jews need not and should not pressure the Vatican for a statement by the Ecumenical Council exonerating the Jewish people from the charge of having crucified Jesus. This was indicated in interviews of the delegates here this weekend.

Opposing this kind of pressure by Jewish organizations, the rabbis asserted that the problem belongs to the Catholic Church and not to the Jewish people. "Such an act of atonement on the part of the Church is long overdue and should need no special pleading on our part," Rabbi Leon I. Feuer, president of the CCAR, stated.

## SOVIET TREATMENT OF JEWS CRITICIZED AT BRITH ABRAHAM CONVENTION

SOUTH FALLSBURG, N. Y., June 21, (JTA) -- The annual four-day convention of Brith Abraham opened here today with 500 delegates attending, representing 175 lodges of the national fraternal order.

At the opening session, Irving L. Hodes, Brith Abraham Grand Master, strongly criticized the Soviet Union for anti-Jewish discrimination. He called upon the delegates to "write to our President, Governors, Senators, and Congressman--and trust that they will make known our protests."

Referring to the Ecumenical Council, Mr. Hodes expressed the hope that its next session will "condemn and deplore all forms of anti-Semitism, past, present and future." He also expressed the hope that Israel would find a peaceable solution of its problem with the Arabs, and appealed for support for Brith Abraham's project of planting 10,000 trees in the John F. Kennedy Memorial Forest.

## MRS. LEHMAN GIVES \$1,250,000 TO WILLIAMS COLLEGE IN HUSBAND'S MEMORY

WILLIAMSTOWN, Mass., (JTA) -- Mrs. Herbert H. Lehman has given Williams College here an endowment gift of \$1,250,000, income from which will be used to provide scholarships for students as a memorial to her late husband, it was announced here yesterday. This is the largest gift ever received by the college from an individual.

Governor Lehman, a Williams College graduate of the Class of 1899, had long taken an interest in his alma mater. As part of the memorial to Mr. Lehman, the college's president, John E. Sawyer, said he would meet each year with recipients of Lehman scholarships and tell them of his service to the college and the nation.

Last January, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Altschul of Stamford, Conn., gave the college's 175th Anniversary Fund \$500,000 to establish a new professorship at Williams in memory of Mr. Lehman. Mr. Altschul is the brother of Mrs. Lehman, the former Edith Altschul. Mrs. Altschul is Mr. Lehman's niece.

## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE INVESTIGATES ARREST OF RABBIS IN ST. AUGUSTINE

WASHINGTON, June 21, (JTA) -- The Department of Justice today notified Senator Jacob K. Javits, New York Republican, that federal agents have opened a full preliminary investigation of the arrest of 15 rabbis in St. Augustine, Fla. Sen. Javits requested federal intercession this weekend upon hearing of the mass arrest of the rabbis.

## TWO OUTSTANDING CHICAGO JEWS TO LEAD \$4,886,867 FEDERATION CAMPAIGN

CHICAGO, June 21. (JTA) -- Two outstanding Chicagoans have accepted leadership in the Jewish Federation's 1964 campaign for \$4,886,867, it was announced here today by Joseph L. Gidwitz, president of the Federation.

A.N. Pritzker, Chicago attorney and industrialist, has accepted the chairmanship of the campaign to raise \$2,483,767 in direct contributions to balance Federation's operating costs and Dr. S. S. Hollender will lead the campaign to secure \$2,403,100 to complete the Jewish Federation's \$9,000,000 United Building Fund.

Mr. Pritzker reported that after all funds are received by the Jewish Federation--\$1,415,000 from the Combined Jewish Appeal, \$1,645,128 from the Community Fund, \$75,000 from investment income and \$20,000 from miscellaneous sources--Federation will still need \$2,483,767 in direct contributions.

Dr. S. S. Hollender, past president of the Jewish Federation and chairman of the United Building Fund Drive, said today: "Since 1945 the building program of the Jewish Federation has totaled more than \$31,000,000 of which Federation itself has provided nearly \$21,500,000. The \$2,403,100 which we are seeking is to complete our commitments on buildings now under construction or already completed for Michael Reese Hospital and Medical Center, Mount Sinai Hospital and Medical Center, Jewish Children's Bureau, Drexel Home, Jewish Home for Aged, Jewish Community Centers, Schwab Rehabilitation Hospital." The campaign runs until December 31.

## 1,000 U.S. STUDENTS AND TEACHERS TO ATTEND SUMMER PROGRAMS IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, June 21. (JTA) -- Over a thousand students and teachers from all over the United States and Canada will spend this summer in Israel as participants in a number of seven-to ten-week tours conducted in Israel by the Jewish Agency, it was announced here today by the Agency.

The largest number, about 700, will go under the sponsorship of the American Zionist Youth Foundation. More than 520 are enrolled in the seven-week travel, work and study program of the 16th annual Israel Summer Institute. The Institute features extensive tours throughout Israel and includes a two-week work period in a kibbutz.

Another American Youth Foundation program is Summer-in-a-Kibbutz, a ten-week program which includes seven weeks living on a kibbutz, ten days of organized tours and ten days of individual travel to places of personal interest. About 120 college students or graduates participate in this program.

The Summer Work-in-Israel program, conducted by PATWA, will this summer include 50 college students participating in a work program in Israel of six to 13 weeks duration. They will work in their own specialized fields in hospitals, laboratories, offices and factories in summer jobs arranged for them by PATWA.

The Agency's Department of Education and Culture also sponsors a number of summer programs. More than 100 thirteen-year-old youngsters are enrolled in the 1964 Bar Mitzvah Pilgrimage. From its headquarters at Alonei Yitzchak, the youngsters will tour the country, and will participate in special ceremonies and receptions that will mark their visit to Israel during their Bar Mitzvah year.

For the third consecutive year, the Department will cooperate with the United Synagogue National Ramah Commission in sponsoring the Ramah-in-Israel program. About 85 participants will participate in daily intensive Hebraica studies, combined with touring. Thirty Jewish educators will participate in a Hebrew speaking workshop and tour for those engaged in Jewish education, while another group of 35 will spend the summer in an "Ulpan" program of daily intensive Hebrew language study.

In its policy of encouraging individual Jewish schools to organize their own homogeneous groups for study and travel in Israel, another unit, composed of 30 young people from Philadelphia and Kansas City, will participate in the Department's Jewish School Study program. In cooperation with the New York Jewish Education Committee, the Department will again conduct the Israel Summer Seminar for High School students engaged in Hebrew language study in public high schools.

The Agency's Torah Education and Culture Department will be sending three groups to Israel this summer. They will include 30 rabbis and educators who will be attending a summer seminar. In addition, two groups will inaugurate a year's stay in Israel this summer.

## ABRAHAM SCHWARTZ, EDITOR OF JEWISH DAILY NEWSPAPER, DIES IN MONTEVIDEO

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, June 21. (JTA) -- Abraham Schwartz, a prominent Jewish leader and the founder and editor of the Jewish Daily Volksblatt, died here yesterday at the age of 61. Born in Hungary, Mr. Schwartz settled in Montevideo before the outbreak of the Second World War and founded the Volksblatt. He was a member of the South American executive of the World Jewish Congress and served as secretary-general of the Montevideo Kehilla. He was also a member of the Central Jewish Committee of Uruguay.