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### ISRAEL DEFENSE CHIEF SAYS MILITARY STRENGTH CAN DETER ARABS

TEL AVIV, Oct. 6. (JTA) -- General Yitzhak Rabin, Israel's Chief of Staff, stressed today that Israel must continue to build its military strength to deter the Arabs from attacking.

Speaking at a regional defense meeting in central Israel, Gen. Rabin cited the recent article in Al Ahram, the Egyptian daily, which said that the Arabs could not attack Israel now because it was too strong.

He said that "it is our duty to ensure that such ideas will prevail among the Arabs," and added that it was Israeli military strength which prevented the Arabs from carrying out threats to attack Israel over its Negev irrigation project through the National Water Carrier. In an earlier address to a class of graduating cadets, Gen. Rabin reiterated the need for the fostering and molding of Israel's defense posture.

### Israel's Deputy Defense Minister Confers with Canadian Cabinet Member

CTAWA, Oct. 6. (JTA) -- Canadian Defense Minister Paul Hellyer today received Israel Deputy Defense Minister Shimon Peres for a discussion of questions "of mutual interest." Mr. Peres was accompanied by Israel Ambassador Gershon Avner and Colonel Sam Ron, Israel military attache to the United States and Canada.

Mr. Peres was previously guest of Jewish leaders in Montreal for a luncheon. The Israel-Canadian defense talk was described as basically a "courtesy visit."

### JORDAN REPORTED LAUNCHING PROGRAM TO DIVERT JORDAN RIVER WATERS

LONDON, Oct. 6. (JTA) -- Work was started yesterday on a dam on the Yarmuk River, a tributary in Jordan of the Jordan River, as the first stage in an Arab program to bar the river waters to Israel, it was reported here today from Amman.

The work on the projected Mokheiba Dam was launched in a ceremony near Al Adasiah, about 80 miles north of Amman. Ali Nassough Tasher, vice-chairman of the Jordanian Development Board, declared during the ceremony that the plan to build the dam was aimed primarily at "saving the land which would be affected by Israel's usurpation of the largest part of the Jordan River's water and diverting it out of the river's basin." Israel has developed a huge irrigation pipeline project which draws on the Jordan River through Lake Tiberias.

The Yarmuk River dam, a \$28,700,000 project, is to be the first stage of a Jordan River diversion program approved at an Arab summit conference last month in Alexandria.

### JORDAN SEEN READY TO LIFT BAN ON VISITS TO COUNTRY BY JEWS

JERUSALEM, Oct. 6. (JTA) -- The Jordanian Government is considering dropping the ban on the granting of entry visas to Jews, according to reports today in the Jordanian press. The reported move was said to be in response to pressure by Jordan's Ambassador in Washington, who stressed that the ban was doing more harm than good, in view of the growing number of American Jews, who, he said, desired to visit Jordan. Other Arab envoys in Washington were reported to have made similar recommendations to their governments.

### NORWEGIAN MINISTER SEES TIME SOLVING THE ARAB REFUGEE PROBLEM

JERUSALEM, Oct. 6. (JTA) -- Olav Gjaervoll, Norway's Social Affairs Minister, arrived in Israel today after touring the refugee camps in neighboring Arab countries, and said that "time will solve the refugee problem."

He reported that, with the exception of the refugees in the Gaza Strip, residents of the refugee camps were being absorbed into the host countries. His ministry is responsible for Norway's contribution to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency, which provides aid for the refugees.

## SPANISH JEWISH LEADER SEES NEW DRAFT LAW AIDING HIS PEOPLE

MADRID, Oct. 6. (JTA) -- A new draft law introduced in the Spanish Parliament, legalizing the status of non-Catholic religions in this country, was hailed here today by Max Mazin, president of the Jewish Community of Spain, as a move important not only to Spain but to the Jewish people in this country as well. His statement, issued by the Spanish Foreign Ministry, declared:

"This new law is important for Spain and its Jewish people, in view of the fact that it would establish conditions now generally accepted throughout the whole world; The fact that such conditions have not already been introduced in Spain may be attributed to the problem's unimportance, from a numerical viewpoint, due to the relative insignificance of non-Catholic minorities which amount to about 50,000 persons, in Spain's total population of more than 33 million."

Mr. Mazin estimated that the Spanish Jews who reside in the country total about 7,000, of which 3,000 live in Barcelona, 2,000 in Madrid, 1,700 in Melilla, and between 200 and 300 in Ceuta. The Jews have a synagogue in each of those cities, as well as in towns in Ceuta and Melilla.

"Though I am not yet familiar with the full text of the new legislation to be submitted to the Spanish Parliament or Cortes," stated Mr. Mazin, "I am sure it will normalize the life of religious minorities in Spain and furnish them with a legal framework for the development of their faiths, thus providing certain needed legislation and clarifying situations which led to false interpretations, especially abroad."

"As for problems which might arise in the field of proselytizing with other non-Catholic minorities, in view of the official Catholic character of the Spanish Government, such matters do not affect the Jewish minority, in view of the fact that proselytizing has been practically banned by the Jewish faith for 15 centuries."

### Spain Presents Menorah to New York Jews at World's Fair

NEW YORK, Oct. 6. (JTA) -- The Spanish Government today presented a menorah, especially designed on orders of the Franco Government, to the Jewish community of New York; Miguel Garcia de Saez, Madrid's commissioner-general at the Spanish pavilion at the New York World's Fair, gave the ancient symbol, on behalf of the Sephardic community of Spain, to Rabbi Louis C. Gerstein, spiritual leader of New York's Congregation Shearith Israel.

The presentation ceremony was held at the Spanish Pavilion at the World's Fair, and was attended by a number of other rabbis as well as by other leaders of the Sephardic community in New York. The menorah had been executed in Spain by Amadeo Gabino, who had also designed the iron grillwork at the entrance to the Spanish Pavilion.

## FRENCH TRIAL FORCES 'PROOF' THAT NAZI DEATH CAMPS DID EXIST

PARIS, Oct. 6. (JTA) -- Twenty years after the end of World War II and the Nazi genocide of European Jewry, a trial was under way here today in which surviving inmates of the Nazi death camps testified that the camps had in fact existed.

The suit was brought by Paul Rassinier, French author, former Socialist Deputy and himself a Nazi camp survivor, against the International League Against Anti-Semitism and its president, Bernard Lacache. Rassinier has claimed in recent years that the number of Jewish victims of the Nazis has been "grossly exaggerated" and that most victims died as a result of the brutality of their fellow-inmates. He has also implied that the gas chambers which were the principal means used by the Nazis to kill their victims did not really exist.

The defense strategy was aimed at demonstrating that the concentration camps and mass murders did take place. Attorneys for the plaintiff sought to show that neither the League nor its president could prove that Rassinier was "an agent of the Nazi International," as Lacache had presumably charged. Rassinier, in denying the record of the Nazi camps, said that such statements were part of Jewish "propaganda."

## BELGIAN JEWS REFUSE TO RUN FOR ELECTION WITH MAYOR OF ANTWERP

BRUSSELS, Oct. 6. (JTA) -- All Jewish members of the Socialist Party of Belgium rejected today an invitation from their party to run on the Socialist tickets in municipal elections in Belgium, in protest against the party's renomination of the Mayor of Antwerp.

Mayor Lode Crayebac was the center of a widespread controversy last spring, following an incident in an Antwerp cafe in which he insulted two Jews when he had allegedly been drunk. The Mayor later apologized in a public letter to the Jewish community and said he would not be a candidate for re-election.

Despite that statement, the Socialist party decided to put his name at the head of their list, thus automatically assuring his re-election. The mayor canceled his letter of resignation after the party renominated him.

The elections are scheduled for next Sunday. Five well-known members of Belgian Jewry are named on the Liberal party lists for the balloting.

## LEADERS ANALYZE VATICAN STAND ON JEWS, ISSUE JOINT STATEMENT

NEW YORK, Oct. 6. (JTA) -- Leaders of major national and international Jewish organizations today issued a joint "Statement to the Jewish Community," expressing the hope that the Ecumenical Council, now in session in Rome, would act to "contribute to the effective elimination of anti-Semitism and all sources of bigotry and prejudice" for a "better understanding among all peoples."

The joint statement resulted from a series of consultations among the Jewish leaders, who analyzed the debate in the Ecumenical Council at the Vatican on proposals for a declaration on relations between the Catholic Church and the Jewish people. During the Vatican debate, many of the 2,500 prelates attending the session, led by a group of American cardinals and bishops, strongly urged a draft which would absolve all Jews, past and present, of the charge of deicide; would condemn anti-Semitism; and eliminate a statement seeking conversion of Jews to Christianity. The Council is expected to act before the end of October on the question.

The Jewish leaders here declared that, historically, Jews "have been the bearers of a distinctive religious commitment" and that "no matter how great the pressures, no sacrifice has been too great for us to maintain our unique religious character."

"A concern with the common destiny of all men is deeply rooted in our spiritual heritage," the joint statement declared. "We therefore note with satisfaction the development of increasingly harmonious relationships among the great faiths that have engendered common positions and actions on vital humanitarian issues."

The statement added that, while "the ever increasing contact between peoples in the modern world has created new dimensions in human relations which Jews have welcomed and in which they have fully participated," the Jew now, no less than in the past "remains steadfast in his historic commitment, determined to preserve his faith and heritage."

### Eschew Proposals on Religious Doctrines; Jewish Organizations Listed

The joint statement noted that the Ecumenical Council was "a convocation of the religious leadership of the Catholic Church, concerned with the problem of Christian unity and the definition of Catholic religious doctrine" and it would therefore "be improper for the Jewish community, which is not a part of Christianity or its Ecumenical movement, to offer suggestions concerning religious doctrine to this Council."

"However, the Jewish leaders continued, "it is our hope that this Council will further harmonious relationships among the religions of the world in their efforts to seek solutions to the problems of mankind. All men of good will are encouraged by the concern of this Council with the fact that certain teachings of the Church have been used at times as a source of anti-Semitism. It is to be hoped that the final determination of the Council will contribute to the effective elimination of anti-Semitism and all sources of bigotry and prejudice and will lead to better understanding among all peoples."

The Jewish organizations participating in the deliberations which led to the joint statement under the chairmanship of Label A. Katz, president of B'nai B'rith, were: the American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Congress, B'nai B'rith, Canadian Jewish Congress, Jewish Labor Committee, National Community Relations Advisory Council, Rabbinical Assembly of America, Rabbinical Council of America, Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, United Synagogue of America, World Jewish Congress, Central Conference of American Rabbis, and the Jewish War Veterans of the United States.

The leaders said that Jewish organizations on five continents, affiliated with the World Conference of Jewish Organizations which initiated the consultations in New York, would publish the same statement simultaneously in their communities.

## RABBI PROPOSES GENERAL BAN ON ALL CONVERSIONS TO JUDAISM

FALLSBURG, N.Y., Oct. 6. (JTA) -- A general ban on all conversions to Judaism by all rabbinic organizations in the United States was urged here today by Rabbi David L. Silver, of Harrisburg, Pa. Addressing the 21st annual convention of the Yeshiva University Rabbinic Alumni, Rabbi Silver warned that "the situation has reached such dangerous proportions that, unless there be a mighty counterthrust, the American Jewish community will be snowed under by an avalanche of part Jews."

As an alternative proposal, Rabbi Silver called on leaders of all Orthodox rabbinic organizations to meet and establish a central agency to handle all cases of conversion. "Under such a set-up," he said, "the pressure on the local or individual rabbi would be removed, and such an agency would be able to proceed with the adequate probings and testings as to fitness and dependability" of potential converts.

## JEWS OF VOLHYN TO ESTABLISH MEMORIAL CENTER FOR NAZI VICTIMS

TEL AVIV, Oct. 6. (JTA) -- The World Union of Jews of Volhyn, a province in Russia where the Jewish communities were wiped out during the Nazi occupation of the Second World War, today announced plans for the construction of a memorial building here to honor the Jewish martyrs of the Volhyn district. The structure will be known as "Volhyn Memorial House."

# FARBSTEIN MAPS HOUSE DRIVE TO CONDEMN ANTI-SEMITISM IN U.S.S.R.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 6. (JTA) -- A drive will be made in the House of Representatives, when Congress reconvenes, to adopt a new resolution resurrecting the spirit of the deleted Senate "Ribicoff amendment," denouncing Soviet anti-Semitism, Rep. Leonard Farbstein, New York Democrat, announced today.

Meanwhile, however, it was learned that another Congressman of Jewish faith, Rep. Abraham J. Multer, New York Democrat, endorsed the Fulbright substitute amendment which replaced the more specific and forceful Ribicoff measure. The deleted Ribicoff amendment to the Foreign Aid bill pinpointed Soviet oppression of Jews, while a substitute by Sen. W. J. Fulbright eliminated all direct reference to that problem, and merely spoke of the persecution of any persons, because of their religion, anywhere in the world.

In remarks on the House floor immediately before adjournment, Rep. Multer lauded the vaguely worded Fulbright substitute, and the action of the Senate-House conference committee which substituted it for the Ribicoff amendment. He found Sen. Fulbright's measure to be "most salutary." He said "the conferees are to be complimented" for adopting the Fulbright language.

Sen. Fulbright, Arkansas Democrat, who is chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, was the lone senator to vote against the Ribicoff amendment. The Ribicoff amendment was favored by 82 senators.

Rep. Farbstein, the only Jewish member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, said today "it is vital that the Congress serve notice to the Kremlin that the Congress will not forget the plight of Soviet Jewry." He said "it is a pity" that the conference substituted the Fulbright amendment for the "really effective and meaningful one offered by Sen. Ribicoff."

Confidence was voiced by Rep. Farbstein that a House resolution would succeed. Thomas Morgan, Pennsylvania Democrat, the chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, is believed to take a position on this issue different from that held by Sen. Fulbright.

State Department sources meanwhile made known that the Department still opposes "for tactical reasons" any Congressional expression against Soviet anti-Semitism. It was said that the experts relied upon by the Department for information on Soviet Jewry felt such an expression would prove counter-productive.

# ROBERT F. KENNEDY ADVOCATES STRONG PRO-ISRAEL STAND BY U.S.A.

NEW YORK, Oct. 6. Former Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy, the Democratic candidate for the U.S. Senate from New York, tonight took a strong pro-Israel position, calling for further efforts by the American Administration to establish peace in the Middle East, and declaring that the United States "should give Israel whatever military aid is necessary to prevent it from becoming the victim of an imbalance in arms."

Mr. Kennedy spoke at a dinner highlighting the 39th annual convention of the Mizrahi Women's Organization of America. His Republican opponent, the incumbent Sen. Kenneth E. Keating, addressed the same convention last night, outlining a six-point program of American aid to Israel.

Relying heavily on the pro-Israel accomplishments of his brother, the late President Kennedy, and of President Johnson, Mr. Kennedy advocated continuance and expansion of pro-Israel steps, stating: "We must continue to make clear to those who threaten Israel that she is not alone. We must continue to make certain that Israel is strong enough to deter any attack;

"He also pledged that, if elected, he would fight for ratification by the Senate of the United Nations Genocide Convention, which would make such mass slaughters as the Nazi annihilation of European Jewry an international crime;

# JEWISH WAR VETERANS URGE GERMANY TO CHANGE LAW, TRY MORE NAZIS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 6. (JTA) - An estimated 10,000 Nazi war criminals remain in hiding, but will be free to return openly "to poison the atmosphere" after the German statute of limitations expires on May 8, 1965, the West German Embassy was warned here today by the Jewish War Veterans of the U. S. A.

JWV National Commander Ralph Plofsky wrote German Ambassador Heinrich Knappstein that, "from the viewpoint of human justice, there can be no coldly technical cut-off date after which these friends will be free from prosecution for their heinous crimes,"

He urged the ambassador to inform Bonn authorities of the anxiety of many Americans on this score. "There were no limitations to the barbarism of the Hitlerian sadists," he stated, adding that "there can be no arbitrary statute of limitations to provide a mass escape route." He asked West Germany to take steps to extend the expiration date of the statute of limitations beyond next May.