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## JEWISH AGENCY OPENS PLENARY SESSION; TO MAKE FAR-REACHING DECISIONS

JERUSALEM, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- The plenary session of the executive of the Jewish Agency opened here today with an agenda indicating that far-reaching decisions on the future of the Zionist movement will be taken at the gathering. This will be the last plenary session of the Jewish Agency executive prior to the opening of the 26th World Zionist Congress on December 30.

The session will make final arrangements for the Zionist Congress, including approval of its agenda and discussion of a four-year plan to be submitted to the delegates. It will also discuss next year's budget and programs for immigration to Israel and absorption of new settlers.

Other items on the agenda for the plenary session are cooperation with the Israel Government, measures of common concern and Zionist work in Jewish communities outside of Israel, the position of such communities in "emergency areas" and cooperation with other Jewish organizations.

It was disclosed here today that the Jewish Agency has decided to invite to the forthcoming Zionist Congress a delegation of 50 representatives of Jewish youth organizations throughout the world. This is a new development in the history of Zionist Congresses. More than 500 delegates from all parts of the world will attend the Congress as well as fraternal delegations from Jewish communities, it was stated here today.

## J.D.C. HONORED IN GENEVA BY LEADERS OF EUROPEAN JEWISH COMMUNITIES

GENEVA, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- Continuation of the Joint Distribution Committee's welfare and reconstruction services "so long as there is need of them" was pledged here today by Edward M. M. Warburg, chairman of the JDC, as the organization was honored upon completion of its 50th year of service by the International Council of Jewish and Social and Welfare Services, composed of the major Jewish refugee and welfare agencies.

Stating that "our activities today are second only to those of the postwar period," Mr. Warburg declared: "We cannot rest on our laurels. Hundreds of thousands still need our help. With the continued assistance of the Jews of America, plus the cooperation of the agencies represented here, we pledge to go on with the work started 50 years ago." He paid warm tribute to the European Jewish organizations, some of which date back as far as the period prior to World War I, and others of which came into being in more recent years.

Addresses paying tribute to the JDC and its 50 years of activities were delivered by H. Oscar Joseph, chairman of the British Central Fund; Dr. Astore Mayer, of Italy, president of the Standing Conference of European Jewish Community Services; Sir Henry d'Avigdor Goldsmid, of England, president of the Jewish Colonization Association; and Daniel Mayer, of Paris. Also on the dais were Dr. Moses Rosen, chief rabbi of Rumania; Moses A. Leavitt, executive vice-chairman of the JDC; and James P. Rice, executive director of United Hias Service.

Special awards were given to present and past JDC leaders in Europe who were lauded for their work in the organization's work on behalf of millions of Jews. Among the recipients of the awards were Charles H. Jordan, present Overseas Director-General of JDC; his wartime predecessor, Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz; and the latter's successor, the late Moses Beckelman. The posthumous award to Mr. Beckelman was accepted by his widow.

## STEVENSON CRITICIZES SOVIET UNION FOR DISCRIMINATION AGAINST JEWS

NEW YORK, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- Ambassador Adlai E. Stevenson, head of the United States delegation to the United Nations, tonight criticized the Soviet Union for the discriminations practiced there against Jews. "The battle for justice," he said, "has not been won--not for the Jews in the Soviet Union and not for the Negroes in the United States."

He spoke at a dinner at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel at which he accepted the Stephen S. Wise Award of the American Jewish Congress--an engraved medallion--for "advancing human freedom." Awards for "strengthening Jewish life" were presented at the dinner to Joseph, Michael and Samuel Daroff of Philadelphia, prominent Jewish philanthropists. The presentations were made by Dr. Joachim Prinz, Congress president;

### ISRAEL ASKS U.N. BODY TO ACT ON DISCRIMINATIONS AGAINST JEWS IN RUSSIA

PARIS, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- Israel called yesterday upon the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to intervene with the Soviet Government in an effort to end discrimination against Jews in that country, particularly in the field of education.

Addressing the general assembly here of UNESCO, Dr. Moshe Avidor, head of Israel's delegation, deplored the lack of cultural facilities for Jewish children in the Soviet Union, which, he said, "starts by affecting young, defenseless children and ends by perpetuating inequalities, unhappiness and misery."

Asserting that he was appealing "not out of recrimination but from deep anxiety and in the spirit of UNESCO's principles," Dr. Avidor urged that "whatever educational discrimination prevails in this respect" in the Soviet Union "is an injustice that can and should be corrected."

Meanwhile, preparations were being completed here today for a French national conference on Thursday, which will deal with the situation of Soviet Jewry. This conference will be attended by more than 50 prominent non-Jewish personalities, representing extreme left-wing although non-Communist factions. The meeting will aim at demonstrating to Russia's new rulers that the anxiety over the fate of Soviet Jewry is not a form of the "cold war" but an interest felt by some of the best friends of the USSR.

### MAIL PORTERS STRIKE IN ISRAEL; UNDELIVERED MAIL PILES UP IN POST OFFICES

TEL AVIV, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- Israel's mail deliveries were paralyzed this weekend as a result of a strike called Thursday by the 120 mail porters employed at the Tel Aviv and Haifa main post offices. The workers claim that their demands were not met when the country's postal workers received their recent wage increases. The strike is not being supported by the Histadrut, Israel's Labor Federation, or by the Civil Servants Union.

In the meantime, a tremendous backlog of undelivered mail has been piling up at the main postoffices, and Israel's communications with abroad have been seriously affected. Persons wishing to send airmail letters to other countries are forced to go to Lydda airport; in order to have their mail picked up for overseas delivery. Domestically, no mail can be delivered because the mail bags cannot reach the sorting and distribution rooms at the Haifa and Tel Aviv post offices.

### POLICY OF NEW BRITISH GOVERNMENT ON ARABS AND ISRAEL ANNOUNCED

LONDON, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- Britain's new Labor Government is anxious to put Britain on better terms with President Nasser of Egypt and other Arab rulers, according to the new Foreign Secretary, Patrick Gordon Walker. He emphasized this goal at a press conference but, at the same time, he stressed that it did not constitute any change in Britain's support for Israel.

In its Middle East efforts, the Labor Government has one great advantage, he added. He said "it is not government of Suez"-- a reference to Britain's participation in the 1956 attack on Egypt--"and does not carry that very great burden in terms of relations with the Arab states."

The Daily Mail headlined the interview: "Britain Puts Out the Mat for Nasser" and suggested that Nasser might be invited to Britain by the new Government in an effort "to wipe the slate clean after Suez." The newspaper said such a visit would be a climax to a series of moves planned to put Britain on better terms with Egypt, one of them possibly a visit by a British Minister to Cairo.

### OWNERS OF 43 SHIPS YIELD TO ARAB BOYCOTT; REMOVED FROM ARAB BLACKLIST

LONDON, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- The owners of 43 ships that had previously dealt with Israel have decided to cancel such trade and have been, for that reason, removed from the Arab blacklist, according to an announcement received here today from the Arab Central Boycott Office at Damascus.

The 43 freighters, according to Mohammed Nahgoub, commissioner general of the Boycott Office, include one flying the American flag. The others fly the flag of Britain, Greece, Burma, Liberia, Sweden, Norway, Panama, Italy, Finland, West Germany, Holland and Yugoslavia. These freighters, said Nahgoub, formed one-third of the total of ships blacklisted, and the ban against them has been lifted "after their owners complied with boycott regulations and ended all dealings with Israel."

The ban, he said, has also been lifted on the "Five Star" shipping line of Burma "because Israeli shares in that company have been nationalized." If Nahgoub's figures, as reported from Damascus, are accurate, there were a total of 123 foreign ships on the Arab blacklist, and 86 are still being blacklisted for trading with Israel.

# ARABS FIGHT ISRAEL'S MEMBERSHIP IN U. N. BLOC; LATIN AMERICANS BACK ISRAEL

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Oct. 25. (JTA) -- Latin American and Arab delegations are engaged in a stiff, behind-the-scenes fight on Israel's right to membership in the latest United Nations bloc, an informal assemblage of 77 member states made up of the Latin American and Afro-Asian blocs, it was revealed here today.

The so-called "Group of 77," made up of underdeveloped countries, will hold its first meeting at the UN's New York Headquarters, this week. The group was formed originally at Geneva, last summer, during the session of the International Trade conference at the UN's European headquarters. At that time, Israel was admitted to membership in the Afro-Asian bloc, against violent protests by the Arab members. As a member of the Afro-Asian bloc, Israel was then eligible for membership in the "Group of 77."

Michael S. Comay, Israel's permanent representative here, attended one of the organizing sessions of the "Group of 77," last week, when plans were being made for this week's more formal session. Without naming Israel or Mr. Comay, Arab representatives protested against the presence of a "certain" delegation, insisting that admission into the group must be voted unanimously by those delegations that are already in it. Israel has, since, appealed to other delegations against the move to make a "closed club" out of the new group.

As this week's meeting approached, Arab delegations have threatened the organizers of the "Group of 77" session that they will not participate in this week's scheduled meeting if Israel is recognized as a member. The Latin American delegations, on the other hand, have voted to recommend to the "Group of 77" that Israel must be recognized. Non-Arab African and Asian delegations were being approached today by both the Latin American and Arab diplomats for backing on the disputed issue.

The meeting to be held here by the "Group of 77" is scheduled to discuss common approaches to matters affecting underdeveloped countries, to come up at the next session of the General Assembly. But it was predicted today that Israel's membership in the "Group of 77" will be the first item on the group's agenda. The "Group of 77," comprised of about 60 percent of the total membership in the United Nations, could become a powerful factor in United Nations affairs.

## U. S. AIR FORCE ADMITS OMITTING WORD 'JEW' FROM BROADCASTS TO LIBYA

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- The Air Force admitted yesterday that American television programs rebroadcast for Air Force personnel at Wheelus Air Base in Libya, delete the word "Jew" or "Jewish" or any other reference to Judaism, in order not to offend the "sensitivities" of Libyans.

The admission was made in a letter from Libya by Col. B. M. Kilgore, chief of the Air Force information division, to Senator Jacob K. Javits, New York Republican, who had complained against such practices. Asserting he had not checked specific complaints made in a letter to Sen. Javits from a Jewish serviceman in Libya, Col. Kilgore said he was "sure they (the deletions) were made." He denied, however, that there was "censorship" of U. S. Air Force broadcasts in Libya.

"I am sure we will be guided by whatever is required to keep our relationship proper with the Libyan Government," he added in his communication to Sen. Javits. "We have great stakes there. We are doing the best we can to keep our relationship good with the Government and ensure that there is no discrimination against any of our men."

According to the complaint received by Sen. Javits, and forwarded to the Air Force, one American television program rebroadcast in Libya had the word "Jew" deleted 18 times. The serviceman also told Sen. Javits: "There was one show that had a bar mitzvah on it. My wife cried when they cut the whole thing." Another serviceman wrote that, in a rebroadcast of a program dealing with the life of Albert Einstein, the Air Force deleted "all reference to his Jewishness."

## UNITED HAS OFFICIAL APPEALS TO GOVERNMENTS ON ASYLUM FOR REFUGEES

ROME, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- Thirty member governments of the executive committee of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees were urged at their session here to maintain the "basic human rights" of asylum for refugees and to continue the efforts to resettle handicapped refugees whose handicaps are too frequently the result of persecution.

The appeal was voiced by Gaynor Jacobson, director of European operations of the United Hias Service who spoke in his capacity as chairman of the Commission on Refugees of the Geneva-based International Council of Voluntary Agencies. Mr. Jacobson referred to the increasing thousands of new refugees entering Western Europe and the necessity for aid from the international community. He also expressed the deep concern of the voluntary agencies over the reduction in financial support of international organizations for transportation of refugees to distant resettlement countries.

### NEW YORK JEWISH PHILANTHROPIST GIVES \$1,000,000 TO EINSTEIN COLLEGE

NEW YORK, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- A gift of \$1,000,000 has been made by Henry Kalman, a prominent businessman and Jewish leader, to the Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University, for the establishment of an institute for cancer research.

The new institute, which will be named for Mr. Kalman, will occupy a floor in a new health research center now being completed on the campus. Mr. Kalman, who is a founder and member of the Board of Overseers of the Einstein College, is also a member of the board of trustees of the Jewish Child Care Association and the Jewish Memorial Hospital.

### CLEVELAND JEWISH PHILANTHROPIST DONATES \$250,000 TO BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY

WALTHAM, Mass., Oct. 25. (JTA) -- Brandeis University today announced the receipt of a \$250,000 grant to finance a special program under which distinguished artists will be invited to live at the university for a semester. The grant was made by Maurice Saltzman, a prominent Cleveland manufacturer, his wife and the Saltzman Foundation. They will underwrite the residence of the artists who will teach and conduct regular criticism sessions for advanced students of art.

Mr. Saltzman, through the Saltzman Foundation established by him and his wife, has been a major contributor to colleges throughout the country, including the University of Notre Dame, Western Reserve University, Harvard, Case Institute of Technology and Brandeis. He has served in many capacities with Cleveland's United Appeal, Jewish Community Federation and other civic and welfare organizations. He was born in Cleveland.

### 825 BOOKS OF JEWISH INTEREST REPORTED PUBLISHED DURING YEAR

NEW YORK, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- A total of 825 books of Jewish interest in English, Yiddish and Hebrew were published in the United States, Israel and Great Britain during the year ended May 1964, according to the just-published Jewish Book Annual.

The tri-lingual yearbook, containing articles in English, Hebrew and Yiddish, is published by the Jewish Book Council of the National Welfare Board. The books listed cover American Jewish non-fiction, American Jewish fiction, American Jewish books for children, American Hebrew books, American Yiddish books, Jewish books published in Great Britain and selected books published in Israel.

### ENTIRE AMERICAN YESHIVA LEAVES FOR ISRAEL; INCLUDES 35 SCHOLARS

NEW YORK, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- An entire American Yeshiva, the Yeshivat Rabbi Israel Meir Hachohen, left for Israel tonight from Kennedy International Airport. Led by Rabbi Chanoch Alter Leibowitz, the Rosh Hayeshiva (Dean) of the Yeshiva, the 35-man group of scholars was accompanied by 22 wives and children.

This group of 57 is the first entire American Yeshiva to leave for Israel, the Jewish Agency here noted; Rabbi Leibowitz is a son of the late Rabbi David Hachohen Leibowitz, the founder of the Yeshiva. The group will locate in a converted building in the Beth Hakerem section of Jerusalem.

### MEMORIAL DAY FOR 8,000 ITALIAN JEWS DEPORTED BY NAZIS OBSERVED IN ROME

ROME, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- Commemorative ceremonies on the 20th anniversary of the Italian resistance to the Nazi occupation were dedicated today to the memory of the 8,000 Jews deported from Rome and other Italian cities by the Nazis of whom only 600 returned.

The ceremony was held at the Portico Ottaviano in the heart of the Rome Ghetto where a marble memorial stone was unveiled at the spot where, on October 16, 1943, three German trucks were stationed for the loading of Jewish victims bound for the Nazi death camps.

S. Azzarita, president of the Italian Federation of Resistance Fighters, told the gathering that those tragic events should serve as a warning for youth who too often accept chauvinistic theories. He reminded the audience that 2,000 Jewish resistance fighters--a considerable percentage of the tiny community of 30,000 souls--had fought for the liberation of Italy from Nazi tyranny.

Mayor Petrucci of Rome said at the ceremonies that the deportation of Italian Jews in October 1943 was one of the events that awakened Italians to reality and made it clear to them that the enemy had to be fought.

Home Minister Taviani, representing the Italian Government, presented a decoration to the Union of Italian Jewish Communities for the Jewish heroism and sacrifice during the Nazi occupation. In handing the decoration to Judge S. Piperno, president of the Union, Mr. Taviani cited the organization for its continued aid to persecuted Jews and resistance fighters during the Nazi occupation and for its role in the reconstruction of the Jewish communities after the war.