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### JORDAN OPENS FIRE ON ISRAELI SETTLERS; ONE ISRAELI KILLED, ONE WOUNDED

TEL AVIV, Dec. 8; (JTA) -- One Israeli was killed and another wounded when Jordanians suddenly opened fire today in a sector of the Jordan-Israeli border that had been free of fighting for a long time.

The shooting occurred in central Israel, near Kibbutz Yad Hanna. Field workers from the kibbutz were in one of their fields, when the Jordanians opened fire without warning, felling one of the workers. As other members of the settlement rushed to aid their stricken comrade, the Jordanians fired again, wounding a second man. The first man hit died in a nearby hospital.

Meanwhile, 15 Israeli officers and enlisted men, including four killed in action, were cited today for their "gallant stand" during the Syrian attacks last November 13 in the Dan area, which escalated into a tank and warplane clash. Three of the 15 are still hospitalized.

### ARABS SUFFER SETBACK AT U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL ON ANTI-ISRAEL MOVE

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Dec. 8, (JTA) -- The Arabs suffered a setback here today in their Security Council demand for condemnation of Israel, as a result of the Nov. 13 border clash between Syria and Israel, when a sharp, anti-Israeli censure resolution introduced by Morocco, was practically ignored because there were obviously no backers for the Moroccan draft.

As the Council met again this morning, for the seventh session, to deal with Syria's and Israel's cross-complaints arising from the Nov. 13 incident, Dey Culd Sidi Baba of Morocco, the only Arab member of the Council, presented his draft calling for "severe condemnation" of Israel. While Morocco was certain of two votes, those of Czechoslovakia and the Soviet Union, neither of the Communist states spoke up to back the Moroccan draft.

Informed by Council president Fernando Ortiz Sanz of Bolivia, that no Council member had requested the floor, Mr. Sidi Baba called for adjournment of the session. Michael S. Comay, Israel's permanent representative, told the Council that the Moroccan's view was only an Arab echo of Syria's complaint against Israel. Shortly after the fiasco faced by the Moroccan, Mr. Ortiz Sanz announced that the Council would reconvene on the Syrian-Israeli complaints tomorrow morning.

### ISRAEL CABINET PUBLISHES TEXT OF MOTION ON REOPENING OF LAVON CASE

JERUSALEM, Dec. 8; (JTA) -- The Government published today the text of the motion by Justice Minister Dov Joseph to name a new inquiry commission to probe the 1954 security mishap which he submitted at the Israel Cabinet meeting last Sunday.

Publication was accompanied by a statement that the action had been decided on in view of "inexact press reports" on the motion which involves the issue of responsibility for the mishap, the role of the then Defense Minister Pinhas Lavon in the mishap and a deep split within Premier Levi Eshkol's Mapai party over former Premier David Ben-Gurion's insistence on such an inquiry.

The Government also published the text of the opinion of the Attorney General, Moshe Ben-Zeev, which formed the core of Justice Minister Joseph's report to the Cabinet. The Attorney General sustained a contention by Mr. Ben-Gurion that there was sufficient evidence to cast doubts on the finding of a 1960 Ministerial Committee which absolved Mr. Lavon of responsibility for the mishap. Mr. Ben-Gurion submitted to Mr. Joseph a "White Book" recently in which he urged reopening of the issue, over the objections of Premier Eshkol.

The Attorney General also held that the Ministerial Committee failed to hear witnesses or to wait for completion of police investigations which were under way. He also declared that the Ministerial Committee's recommendations and approval of those

recommendations by the Cabinet as a matter of policy was "perfectly legitimate" even though based on "the incorrect assumption" that the matter had been sufficiently aired and that the validity of a Cabinet decision stands as long as no changes are made in it;

He added that the ratification by Israel's Parliament of a committee's decision did not constitute ratification of the committee's conclusions and that the ratification or nullification of the conclusions remains within the Cabinet's jurisdiction. Pinhas Rosen, who as Justice Minister headed the 1960 Ministerial Committee, described the Attorney General's opinion as "one-sided, superficial and unable to stand up to the light of criticism."

#### FRENCH JEWRY PROTESTS BONN'S DECISION TO END PROSECUTION OF NAZIS

PARIS, Dec. 8. (JTA) -- A delegation representing three major Jewish organizations in France presented to the West German Ambassador to France today a protest against West Germany's decision to abide by the statute of limitations on prosecution of Nazi war crimes. The statute is scheduled to become effective next May 8;

The delegates, representing the Alliance Israelite Universelle, CRIF, the representative council of French Jews and the World Jewish Congress, asked Ambassador Kläiber to inform the West German Government of the "grave view" taken by French Jewry on the decision. The delegation also urged that West German authorities act to change the decision and to continue to prosecute war criminals, some of whom "are guilty of the most heinous crimes known to humanity" after next May 8;

Before meeting with the West German envoy, the French Jewish leaders called on the French Foreign Ministry to seek French support for the effort to induce West Germany to change the decision. The delegates handed to French Foreign Ministry officials a written request that the French Government intervene, at the earliest possible time, through its representatives in Bonn for a change in the decision. A mass meeting of protest against the West German decision was held here tonight.

#### German Government May Reconsider Its Decision, Official Says

BONN, Dec. 8. (JTA) -- A spokesman for the West German Government said today that the Government might reconsider its decision against extending the statute of limitations on prosecution of Nazi war crimes beyond next May 8.

He said the possibility was conditional on whether documents on Nazi crimes were found which had not been studied. After the Cabinet voted not to seek an extension of the statute, the Government issued an appeal to all governments to provide whatever material they had on Nazi war crimes for possible study and prosecution before the deadline. There was no indication as to whether the appeal resulted in any replies.

#### Bonn Deputy Predicts Extension of Statute of Limitations

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8. (JTA) -- A prediction that "one way or another" the statute of limitations for German prosecution of Nazi war criminals will be extended was made here today by Erik Blumenfeld, member of the West German Parliament.

Mr. Blumenfeld said on a visit to Washington that the cut-off date for the 20-year period prescribed may be advanced for 10 more years, because the commencement date, now set at May 8, 1945, would be advanced under a parliamentary plan to a beginning date in 1955, when the Allies handed over greater constitutional rights to the Germans and provided the documentary records on Nazi criminals to Bonn.

He said there was also a possibility that the initial date may be moved forward from 1945 to September 1949, when the constitution of the German Federal Republic took effect. He stressed that Bonn legislators were aware of "anxieties" concerning this question.

#### U. S. JEW COLLAPSES IN GERMAN COURT; TESTIFIES AGAINST NAZI GUARDS

DUSSELDORF, Dec. 8. (JTA) -- Moses Rappaport, 65, of Fair Lawn, N.J., collapsed in a court room here as he was about to identify some of the 10 former SS officers being tried on charges of murdering 700,000 Jews in the Treblinka concentration camp during World War II. The man was taken unconscious to a hospital.

Mr. Rappaport had told Judge Rudolf Gottlieb that one guard at Treblinka shot his wife to death in front of him because, being pregnant, she was unable to walk fast enough off the ramp from the train that had brought them to the camp. Judge Gottlieb asked the man if he could identify any of the defendants as murderers. Mr. Rappaport started toward the table where the defendants sat, gasped, whispered that he can not breathe, and fell unconscious.

#### 14 U. S. FIRMS SUBMIT PROPOSALS FOR DESALTING PLANT IN ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8. (JTA) -- Proposals for a nuclear desalting plant which the United States and Israel plan to build jointly in Israel have been submitted by 14 United States engineering firms, it was disclosed today. The pilot plant is designed to determine the feasibility of application of nuclear energy to desalting seawater economically.

THREATS TO SURVIVAL OF JUDAISM IN U. S. OUTLINED AT PHILADELPHIA PARLEY

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 8; (JTA) -- The "fantastic rate" at which American Jews have taken on the culture of the majority, plus a high rate of intermarriage and a low rate of fertility, pose grave threats to the survival of a Jewish community in this country; two Jewish experts told an unprecedented conference of rabbis and Jewish social workers and educators here;

The warnings were given to 200 members of the Philadelphia Board of Rabbis and the Association of Jewish Agency Executives at the first joint meeting of the two organizations by Dr. Mordecai Kaplan, founder of the Reconstructionist movement, and Dr. Marshall Sklare, director of research of the American Jewish Committee. The two groups comprise substantially the whole Philadelphia rabbinate and the corps of Jewish communal service executives;

Dr. Kaplan said that the Jewish people in this country was in danger of "succumbing to the kiss of death," the modern climate of democracy and naturalism in which American Jews are being integrated. He suggested education, ethical power and reorganization of Jewish life and thought to strengthen the cohesiveness of the Jewish people, and called for efforts to unify Jews and the Jewish religion across the lines of denominational differences. "We Jews must inaugurate an ecumenism of our own," he said.

Dr. Sklare catalogued specific ways by which American Jewry might disappear, and warned that the rate of acculturation by Jews has proceeded much more rapidly among Jews than among any other group in the United States. Yiddish, he said, was dropped more rapidly by Jews than any other tongue by other groups; The high rate of intermarriage, he asserted, was a major threat, and the most that could be hoped for was to contain it at the present level. However, he added, as yet Jews are doing little in this area.

He called "biological suicide" the greatest and least-discussed threat to Jewish survival, adding that almost all American Jews believed in the small family but "nobody talks about it;" "There is a conspiracy of silence," he maintained, "because we are all engaged in it except a very small segment of the Orthodox community;" He called the synagogue one of the main hopes for Jewish survival, but in a different form than the traditional synagogue.

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE HONORS WEISGAL TONIGHT; JOHNSON LAUDES HIS VISION

NEW YORK, Dec. 8; (JTA) -- Eighteen countries, through their outstanding scientists and lay leaders, represented in an International Committee of more than 460 statesmen, scientists, artists, writers, educators, musicians, religious, labor and business spokesmen, are sponsoring a dinner tomorrow at the Hotel Americana here to mark the 20th Anniversary of the Weizmann Institute of Science of Rehovoth, Israel, and to honor its chairman, Meyer W. Weisgal as its master builder.

For 25 years the closest associate of the late Dr. Chaim Weizmann, for whom the Institute is named, and the guardian of his spiritual legacy since his death in 1952, Mr. Weisgal will receive the tribute of the international community in recognition of a notable career of 50 years devoted to the renaissance of the Jewish people, the last 20 as the builder of the Weizmann Institute of Science. More than 1,500 persons will attend tonight's dinner, among them world-renowned scientists, members of the diplomatic corps, members of the Israel Cabinet and of the American and European communities. They will include 14 Nobel Laureates;

Leading off the international accolade to Mr. Weisgal, whose 70th birthday coincides with the 20th Anniversary of the Institute, is President Lyndon B. Johnson. In a letter, addressed to Mr. Weisgal, made public today, President Johnson, said: "Seventy years is both a long and short period of time; It is long when it represents, as your birthday does, three score years and ten of dedication to the hundreds of projects that you have brought to successful fruition in the interests of both the United States and Israel. It is short in terms of the spirit and vision which you have always demonstrated and which characterizes your every effort."

JEWISH FRATERNITY PRESENTS AWARD TO VICE-PRESIDENT HUMPHREY

NEW YORK, Dec. 8; (JTA) -- Phi Epsilon Pi, a Jewish fraternity with 25,000 members on 50 major American campuses, presented at its annual Founders' Day luncheon today its International Service Award to Vice President-elect Hubert H. Humphrey. The award is presented annually to the individual deemed to have done the most for brotherhood during the year

Albert Greenstone, fraternity executive secretary, announced that the fraternity, currently celebrating its 60th anniversary, had set up a \$500,000 Student Loan Fund, available both to members and to immediate families of members. Under-graduate students will be able to borrow up to \$1,000 a year and graduate students \$2,000 per year to a total of \$4,000 to complete his or her education.

PART-TIME POSITIONS PLANNED FOR RETIRED JEWISH SOCIAL WORKERS

NEW YORK, Dec. 8; (JTA) -- Development of a program aimed at placing Jewish social workers who have retired from full-time professional posts in short-term or part-time professional positions in Jewish social welfare agencies has been approved by the National Conference of Jewish Communal Service.

Miss Miriam R. Ephrain, New York, who will be retiring next June as director of program services of the National Jewish Welfare Board, was named chairman of a Committee on Retired Professional Personnel by Bertram H. Gold, Los Angeles, Conference president; The Committee is composed of retirees and of social workers employed in a wide variety of national and local Jewish social welfare agencies;

A four-point program has been formulated by the Committee; The first objective of the Committee will be to determine how to match retired professional personnel with existing short-term or part-time professional vacancies; A roster of retired personnel is to be developed; The Committee will also examine how to utilize retirees in volunteer capacities in Jewish social welfare agencies;

Other objectives of the Committee are to develop ways of utilizing the rich background and experience of retired Jewish social workers in the National Conference of Jewish Communal Services; to harness the skills and knowledge of retirees in social work educational settings, both for learning and teaching; and to examine how the Conference may contribute toward better interpretation to Jewish social welfare agencies of flexibility in retiring professional personnel.

ALEPH KATZ, J. T. A. YIDDISH EDITOR, WINS KESSEL AWARD FOR POETRY BOOK

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 8; (JTA) -- The 18th annual Zvi Kessel Awards for outstanding Jewish literary achievements in 1964 were voted here today to Aleph Katz, of New York; Joseph Papiernikow, of Tel Aviv; and Zvi Sharfstein, of New York;

Mr. Katz, Yiddish editor of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, was cited for his last work of Yiddish poetry, "Quite a Wedding." Mr. Papiernikow, also a Yiddish poet, was given the award for his "From the Second Genesis." Mr. Sharfstein, who writes in Hebrew, was given the award for a series of monographs dealing with outstanding Jewish pedagogues. The monetary awards are valued at \$400 each. The awards are considered in the world of Jewish literature as one of the highest honors.

BOSTON PHILANTHROPIST GIVES \$250,000 FOR SPORT CENTER AT BRANDEIS

BOSTON, Dec. 8; (JTA) -- A prominent Jewish philanthropist here has underwritten construction of a sports center at Brandeis University, it was announced today. The \$250,000 gift was received from Joseph M. Linsey, a Brandeis trustee, national chairman of the University's Development Campaign, and national chairman of its Athletic Association;

Chief feature of the Sports Center will be a 75 by 45-foot Olympic-sized swimming pool which will broaden the athletic program at the University and enable Brandeis to participate in intercollegiate swimming competition. Other facilities to be included are squash and handball courts, locker rooms and shower facilities. Plans also call for a spectator area of some 300 seats near the swimming pool;

LORD MARKS, PROMINENT JEWISH PHILANTHROPIST, DIES IN LONDON; WAS 76

LONDON, Dec. 8; (JTA) -- Lord Marks, one of Britain's outstanding philanthropists and one of the founders of the Weizmann Institute of Science in Israel, died here today at the age of 76. Born in Manchester, he had been chairman and managing director of Marks and Spencer, Ltd., which he had built into the largest chain of variety stores in Britain.

One of the great Jewish philanthropists of his time, he contributed many millions of pounds for charitable and educational institutions. An aide and adviser to Dr. Chaim Weizmann when the Zionist leader was in Manchester, Lord Marks served as a right-hand man to World Zionist leaders during the negotiations for the Balfour Declaration and during the subsequent years of feverish Zionist activity in Britain.

He gave many millions of pounds for various causes in Israel. He had served as president of the Joint Palestine Appeal, president of Keren Hayesod and he had been a vice-president of the Zionist Federation of Britain and of the Council for German Jewry. He was knighted in 1944 as Sir Simon Marks and elevated to the peerage in 1951;

Arthur Lourie, Israel's Ambassador to Britain, said Lord Marks' death was "irreparable" for Israel and the Jewish people. "A beloved and key figure for nearly two generations, he was a builder whose name will rank high in the pantheon of Jewish history," Mr. Lourie stated;