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## PRESIDENT JOHNSON URGES CONGRESS TO GIVE HIM FREE HAND ON AID TO EGYPT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4, (JTA) -- President Lyndon B. Johnson urged Congress today to give him "freedom of action" to send surplus food to Egypt. The President's plea was made at the start of a hastily-summoned news conference at the White House this morning.

The President urged Congress to adopt the Senate version of the aid-to-Egypt amendment which was adopted last night by a close 44-38 vote. The Senate softened a House-imposed ban, which would absolutely prohibit further shipments of agricultural commodities to Egypt. The Senate version allows aid to move if the President determines such action is in the national interest.

At his news conference today the President said it was of the highest importance that he have the flexibility to deal with such foreign policy problems. His remarks clearly were directed at the House which is scheduled to consider the Senate modification Monday. Rep. Robert Michel, Republican of Illinois, who authored the House ban, indicated that he will insist on its retention.

Rep. Michel said he will move to instruct the House conferees, who meet with the Senators on Monday to iron out differences in the legislation, to hold out for the absolute prohibition of aid to Egypt. His office expressed optimism that his position would be approved by the House, especially in view of the close Senate vote last night.

Senator Wayne Morse, Oregon Democrat, led the fight last night against softening the House language. The Senator asserted that the United States allows Nasser to "finance aggression." He called U. S. aid to Egypt part of "a shameful program of appeasement to dictators."

Senator Jacob K. Javits, New York Republican, joined in urging the Senate to adopt the House position. He said "this cry of indignation from the House of Representatives, if sustained in the Senate, may reach into Egypt and make the people of Egypt feel how very deeply we are offended by what has occurred in their country with respect to us."

Senator Javits also declared that President Johnson had remained silent despite appeals by various Senators that he give his views on Nasser's activities. Thus, he stressed, the Senate has no alternative except to back the position of the House. "If the President won't act, then the Congress must," he told his colleagues.

Senators John Tower, Texas Republican, and J. Strom Thurmond, Republican of South Carolina, also spoke in favor of the House position.

## SEVEN CONGRESSMEN INTRODUCE LEGISLATION AIMED AGAINST ARAB BOYCOTT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4, (JTA) -- Seven Congressmen today introduced legislation to strengthen United States resistance to economic boycott procedures of foreign countries, including the Arab League boycott against Israel.

The measure was co-sponsored by Charles S. Joelson, New Jersey Democrat; Edward J. Patten, New Jersey Democrat; Joseph Resnick, New York Democrat; Jonathan Bingham, New York Democrat; James Roosevelt, California Democrat; John Lindsay, New York Republican; and Seymour Halpern, New York Republican.

The measure would prohibit American firms from "the taking of any actions, including the furnishing of information or the signing of agreements" which have the effect of furthering or supporting the restrictive practices or boycotts fostered or imposed by any foreign country against another country friendly to the United States."

The legislation, which is an amendment to the Export Control Act of 1949, is similar to proposals offered in the Senate earlier this week by Senators Harrison Williams, New Jersey Democrat and Jacob Javits, New York Republican. Rep. Joelson, speaking for the co-sponsors, characterized the measure as one directed against restraint of trade. He said: "We already have a policy against restraint of trade at home, and it should be extended to the international sphere, particularly when it is aimed against a friendly nation."

## PRESIDENT JOHNSON LAUDS JEWISH ROLE IN FIGHT FOR CIVIL RIGHTS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- President Johnson, speaking at the opening session of the 52nd annual meeting of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, called on all Americans last night to "work for the understanding, the tolerance, the spirit of benevolence and brotherly love" required for his concept of the Great Society. He credited the ADL with playing a major role in the development of civil rights in this country.

The President was presented with the ADL American Democratic Legacy Award for 1965, in his second appearance as President before a Jewish organization. Last year, he attended a dinner of the American Committee for the Weizmann Institute.

President Johnson also urged Americans to "never forget that unity is the legacy of our American democracy." He said Americans must work for the kind of relations "that will assure every man fulfillment, dignity and honor, whatever his faith, whatever his origins, however he spells his name, whatever his beliefs, whatever his color, whatever his emoluments. If this be our purpose and if this be our accomplishment, then our society will be great."

Declaring the ADL has "the gratitude of this nation," he said that in its half-century "of fighting discrimination, you have never tired, you have never faltered, you have never lost faith in your cause and your cause has given faith to the nation."

### A. D. L. Reports 'Subtle' Decline in Anti-Jewish Discrimination

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- Dore Schary, national chairman of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, declared here today that there has been a "subtle steady decline" in anti-Jewish discrimination "especially where there has been increased contact between Jews and non-Jews." He spoke at the ADL's 52nd annual meeting.

In a session discussing Soviet anti-Semitism, B'nai B'rith President Label Katz said that Soviet leaders have created a senseless "neither nor" world for the Soviet Jews which says to him, "You are a Jew, but you can't be Jewish." He urged the American Jewish community to unite in a "patient and persistent" appeal to the new Kremlin leaders for the restoration of Jewish religious and nationality rights.

## SOVIET JEW AND WIFE SENTENCED TO DEATH FOR 'ECONOMIC CRIMES'

LONDON, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- A Russian Jew and his wife were sentenced to death in a court in Minsk after being convicted of "economic crimes," according to the Minsk daily newspaper, Zviazda, received here today. The newspaper named the couple as Semion Borisovich Briskin and his wife Gelia.

Three other persons, non-Jews, were convicted in the same trial, Zviazda reported, but these received prison sentences ranging from six months to eight years. All were accused of having diverted foodstuffs from an official store to the blackmarket. Briskin was accused additionally of having sold gold on the blackmarket.

## THREE MOROCCAN NEWSPAPERS ATTACK JEWS; REPRESENT DIFFERENT GROUPS

CASABLANCA, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- Three violently anti-Jewish attacks were published in one week in Moroccan newspapers representing virtually every shade of political opinion in this Moslem country.

The attacks, all published during this week, appeared in An Nidal, the centrist-liberal daily, Al Watan, a government organ published by the Social Democrats, and Al Ahdaf, published by the Front of Popular Forces, representing the so-called left in Moroccan politics.

The attack in Al Ahdaf was not the first time the leftist paper attacked Jews. Two years ago Al Ahdaf protested against the nomination of a Tangier governor who was "accused" of having strong sympathy for Morocco's Jews.

## JEWISH TAXI DRIVER IN LONDON WARNED ON REJECTING NAZIS AS PASSENGERS

LONDON, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- Wolfe Busell, the London taxi driver who last month refused to accept as a passenger Francoise Jordan, wife of the British fascist leader Colin Jordan, was reprimanded today by the taxi licensing authority of Scotland Yard, which sent him an official reminder that drivers must accept all passengers regardless of their color, race or creed.

Busell had been fined by a London court for "insulting" Mrs. Jordan when he told her, "I don't want you; I'm a Jew, you stinking Nazi." He said he tore off her swastika-decorated neckless after she told him, "If you are a Jew, what are you doing out of the ovens?" After the incident, arsonists set fire to Busell's house while his family was asleep inside. No one was injured.

Mr. Busell, meanwhile, left today for Israel for a two-week holiday. He said before his departure that he had been upset by "the harassing of Nazi-minded hooligans."

U. S. LEGISLATION SOUGHT FOR COMPENSATION FOR NATURALIZED AMERICANS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- Legislation to make Americans naturalized since the end of World War II able to seek relief under the War Claims Act was introduced in the Senate yesterday by Sen. Jacob K. Javits, New York Republican, and Sen. Paul Douglas, Illinois Democrat.

The measure is similar to one introduced in the House by Rep. William F. Ryan, New York Democrat. Under the War Claims Act, American citizens may seek compensation for losses from any country which was an enemy of the United States during World War II.

Rep. Ryan, in introducing the legislation, said that the present law offers relief only to those who were citizens of the United States at the time of their loss. He said it excludes many Americans with legitimate claims who were not citizens at the time of their loss but who subsequently acquired American citizenship.

VERDICTS ON TWO EICHMANN AIDES EVOKE PROTESTS AS TOO LENIENT

BOONN, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- A storm of protest throughout West Germany marked today the Frankfurt court verdicts handed down yesterday against two former SS aides to Adolf Eichmann, one of whom was acquitted. The two, former SS Lt. Col. Herman Krumei and former SS Capt. Otto Hunsche, were charged with helping Eichmann to send hundreds of thousands of Hungarian Jews to Nazi death camps.

Astonishment was expressed over the fact that Hunsche was acquitted of charges of complicity in the murder of more than 300,000 Jews sent to Auschwitz during the war. Hunsche also was acquitted of charges of extorting huge sums from the doomed and desperate Jews. Krumei was sentenced to five years at hard labor. Since he has served almost five years of pre-trial detention, he will only have to serve a few months of his sentence.

Gerhard Jahn, a Socialist Member of Parliament, called the verdicts astounding and said they bore no relation to the crime. He added that the verdicts shamed the German people and that they raised a serious question as to whether West German courts could judge the deeds of Nazism.

Dr. Fritz Bauer, the Frankfurt public prosecutor, called the verdicts "rotten and intolerable" and "utterly incomprehensible." "Asserting that 'it is as if Eichmann himself were given five years,' he declared that his office would use "every judicial means in its power to obtain a revision of these sentences."

German Chief Prosecutor to Appeal Against the Sentences

Chief Prosecutor Hans Grossman, who had asked for maximum sentences of life imprisonment for both former Nazis, said he would appeal. Krumei's counsel also said he would file an appeal against the five-year sentence. Krumei was returned to prison to await trial on another charge growing out of his wartime activities in Zamocz, in Nazi-held Poland, where he reportedly rounded up Jews for transport to the Auschwitz camp.

Some quarters in West Germany expressed fear that the light sentences might set a precedent for future trials of Nazi criminals accused of helping to organize plans for murders of Jews rather than direct participation in the torture and murder of the victims. The Frankfurt court made that distinction in its verdicts.

(Robert Kempner, a former American prosecutor in the Nuremberg allied war crimes trials, commented in Lansdown, Penna., that the verdicts were "not understandable." He predicted the rulings would step up demands for West German action to extend the effective date of the statute of limitations for prosecution of Nazi war criminals, now due to become effective next May 8. He called the acquittal of Hunsche "completely incomprehensible" and said it raised "heavy doubts about the capacity of certain members of the court to understand the murder procedures of Eichmann and his accomplices.")

German Official in U. S. Says Prosecution of Nazis Will Continue

NEW YORK, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- A spokesman for the West German Government here asserted today that application of the statute of limitations on prosecution of Nazi war criminals next May would not automatically end all prosecutions of such criminals in West Germany after that date.

Joseph J. Thomas, director of the West German Information Center in New York, made the statement in a letter to the New York Times. He made his statement in reply to a charge that if Martin Bormann, Hitler's deputy, or Heinrich Mueller, Gestapo chief of Adolf Eichmann, reappeared in West Germany after May 8, they could not be prosecuted.

The West German spokesman asserted that even if the statute of limitations were to become effective May 8, "both men would be put on trial" because West German law provides "that every statutory limitation can be interrupted by a simple action on the part of a judge, and the statutory period then begins anew."

### U. S. JEWRY URGED TO BUILD 'HOUSE OF JEWISH COMMUNITIES' IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, has called upon American Jewry to support the 1965 campaign of the United Jewish Appeal, and has strongly endorsed the building of a "House of Jewish Communities" in Israel to be made possible by UJA's Council of Organizations. He spoke at a meeting, which took place at the Astor Hotel, at which the Council discussed development of plans for its 1965 fund-raising drive.

Urging the construction of the House of Jewish Communities as a "monument of monuments for world Jewry," Dr. Goldmann said: "This will be a museum for European Jewry, for the Galician, Polish, Lithuanian, Hungarian, Czechoslovak, Rumanian and other Jews. It will be a museum devoted to the great achievements of European Jewry during one thousand years of history."

He stressed that only our generation could accomplish this, and called upon the landsmanschaften to be the prime movers because their aim is to help their fellow townsmen and keep alive the memory of these creative communities that were destroyed by the Nazis. "You cannot now send any money to Warsaw, to Lvov, to Kovno, to Krakow or to Tiga," he said. "It is therefore your sacred duty to build this great museum, and not only through collections, but even from the funds in your treasuries.

"This great museum, the Bet Hatfuzot, will be established in the heart of Tel Aviv, on the campus of Tel Aviv University, and will be the largest building there. It will serve as a bridge between the State of Israel and the Jews all over the world," the Zionist leader stated. He called the project "extremely important for the youth in Israel that knows very little about the Jews in the diaspora."

### UNITED JEWISH APPEAL OF TORONTO SETS \$3,230,000 GOAL FOR 1965

TORONTO, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- The United Jewish Appeal of Toronto, which provides for local, national and overseas welfare needs, today set as its 1965 goal, a minimum of \$3,230,000, representing an increase of \$600,000 over the amount raised last year.

Stephen E. Berger, chairman of the United Jewish Appeal administrative committee, which recommended the target figure, said that the goal was a "reflection of ever-increasing needs, especially in our own growing community."

Of the total, \$1,305,000 will be required for overseas needs of the United Israel Appeal and \$300,000 for the Joint Distribution Committee. National agencies will require \$155,000 and the remainder for local institutions.

### TWO AMERICAN GROUPS SPONSOR NEW WORKSHOP SCHOOL IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- A new workshop school to train 80 students annually in electrical and agromechanical skills will be established in Tamara near Afula, Israel under the sponsorship of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and CARE, the American relief agency, it was announced here today. The school, which will be named for the American Jewish humorist, Harry Hersfield, will train young Israelis to maintain and repair agricultural equipment in use in neighboring settlements.

CARE equipment valued at \$7,400 is being provided through funds of the Eagles, a CARE member agency. The Israeli Government will finance the construction of a \$10,000 building to house the school. Tamara is at the center of a number of Arab villages with a population totaling about 8,000.

### BENJAMIN H. SWIG HONORED BY REFORM JEWS; CAMP TO CARRY HIS NAME

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- Benjamin H. Swig, national Jewish communal leader, was honored with the re-naming of Camp Saratoga-Union Institute as the "Benjamin H. Swig Camp for Living Judaism."

The official name-changing ceremonies took place at the California Regional Biennial convention of the Union of the American Hebrew Congregations, the parent organization of the camp. The convention was held in Palo Alto.

Mr. Swig is founder of the Camp, second in a group of seven Camps for Living Judaism owned and operated by American Reform Judaism.

### JOSEPH ZARETZKI ELECTED MAJORITY LEADER OF NEW YORK STATE SENATE

ALBANY, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- Joseph Zaretzki, New York State Senator of Manhattan, was elected Senate majority leader last night. Mr. Zaretzki, 62, for many years minority leader in the State Senate, was born in Poland and brought to New York as a child. Educated in New York, he has been in politics for 35 years. He also maintains a law office in New York. He is a member of the Jewish War Veterans, the Zionist Organization of America and B'nai B'rith.