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## U. N. CHIEF DENIES PROPOSING JORDAN-ISRAELI EXCHANGE OF TERRITORY

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., April 20. (JTA) -- A report in a newspaper in West Germany, alleging that Secretary General U Thant had proposed a "Jordan-Israeli exchange of territory," was denied here today. A spokesman for the United Nations asserted that Mr. Thant had not made such a statement and "had never heard of it."

The report was printed in Der Spiegel, of Hamburg, an illustrated weekly of large circulation. According to Der Spiegel, Mr. Thant said that the Jordan-Israel territorial exchange would involve "handing over to Jordan the Latrun area, near Jerusalem, and incorporating Mount Scopus into Israel." The Latrun area is a demilitarized zone under jurisdiction of the Israel-Jordanian UN Mixed Armistice Commission. Mount Scopus, site of the pre-1948 Hebrew University campus and Haddassah Hospital, is an Israel enclave surrounded by areas controlled by Jordan.

(In Jerusalem today, Israeli officials termed the German report "groundless," and said nothing was known to Israel about such plans. The Israeli sources noted that, in the past, Israel expressed itself as ready for minor territorial adjustments along its Jordanian border, but no "territorial exchange" had been envisaged.)

Mr. Thant said here that the United Nations "has to do its utmost to create conditions conducive to the peaceful settlement" of such disputes as the Jordan River water issue between Israel and neighboring Arab states.

Asked how he evaluated the current situation in the Middle East and whether he foresaw "a possible war danger there over the diversion of the Jordan River waters," he replied that the situation in the area had changed in recent weeks and that there were in the Middle East, as in other parts of the world, "shifting alignments and shifting patterns."

He added he felt "it is a little too early to assess whether these shifting alignments and patterns are for the better or for the worse." Without referring by name to the Jordan River dispute, he said that "we have to be very vigilant in that area and the United Nations has to do its utmost to create conditions conducive to the peaceful settlement of outstanding disputes."

## HIGH STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL STARTS TWO-DAY TALKS IN ISRAEL TODAY

JERUSALEM, April 20. (JTA) -- The questions of the Jordan River water diversion plans and United States supply of arms to Israel will not be discussed, it was said here today, with Phillips Talbot, Assistant Secretary of the United States Department of State, who is scheduled to arrive here tomorrow for a 48-hour visit.

The visit by the high State Department official, who is in charge of Middle East affairs, will be informal, and no agenda for discussions has been set, Israel Government sources declared here today. It was indicated that the Talbot talks will not deal with specific issues which are currently being discussed "on a practical level" between Israel and the United States. These issues, it was said, include the water diversion plans and supply of arms.

(In New York, the news magazine, Newsweek, reported today that "the United States was negotiating a deal with Israel, calling for direct shipment of American munitions." According to the publication, the Israelis are expected "to get significantly more weapons from the U. S. directly than they were getting through Germany" to balance the Russian shipments of planes and missiles to Egypt.)

## JORDANIAN TROOPS AND ISRAELI PATROL EXCHANGE FIRE ON MOUNT SCOPUS

JERUSALEM, April 20; (JTA) -- Jordanian troops opened fire this afternoon against an Israeli patrol in the northwest corner of the Israeli enclave atop Mount Scopus, and the Israelis returned the fire.

United Nations military observers in the sector immediately started negotiating a cease-fire between the two sides, and succeeded in bringing the shootings to halt after 15 minutes. An Israeli Army spokesman said that there were no casualties on Israel's side, adding that "the patrol completed its mission."

### MAPAM LEADER TO SEEK CONTACT WITH ARABS ON ARAB-ISRAELI PEACE TALKS

TEL AVIV, April 20. (JTA) -- The left-wing Mapam Party has instructed former Minister of Health Israel Barzilai, who is in Ireland now, to try to contact "advanced Arab circles" in Europe and discuss with them a Mapam plan for peace between Israel and the Arab states, it was reported here today.

Mapam recently adopted a peace plan which calls for immediate Arab-Israeli negotiations concerning the Palestine refugees and denuclearization of the Middle East region. The evening paper Yediot Achronoth said today that Mr. Barzilai had been requested to follow through on this plan in view of recent pacification statements made by Tunisia's President Habib Bourguiba.

The Mapam Party is quoted in the paper as stating that "the time and the hour are right, now, for Israel to appear as the initiator of a peace plan." Mr. Barzilai, a member of Israel's Parliament, is in Dublin now as one of Israel's delegates to the conference being held there by the Interparliamentary Union.

### GERMAN OFFICIALS GO TO POLAND TO TAKE TESTIMONY FOR AUSCHWITZ TRIAL

FRANKFURT, April 20. (JTA) -- Seven court officials in the trial here of 21 former Auschwitz death camp personnel left today for Poland to take testimony from 25 Polish witnesses who could not or would not come to Frankfurt to testify.

It was believed here that some witnesses called by the defense anticipated reprisals or difficulties at home if they accepted the invitation of the Frankfurt court.

Those in the group going to Poland included two state prosecutors, four defense attorneys and an East German lawyer attending on behalf of Auschwitz survivors now living in East Germany. The Polish witnesses will be heard by Polish judges.

Frankfurt court officials who went to the Auschwitz camp site last December on a similar mission said afterward that the Polish authorities were most helpful and that their aid had been invaluable. The trial of the former staff members of the camp, where an estimated 3,000,000 victims, most of them Jews, were killed, began in December 1963.

#### Witnesses at Treblinka Trial Testify Against Camp Commander

DUSSELDORF, April 20. (JTA) -- Both a witness and a defendant in the trial of guards of the Treblinka death camp further implicated Kurt Franz, camp deputy commander, in testimony today.

Henryk Poslowski, 55, now of Rio de Janeiro, testified that Frank, who has steadfastly denied whipping or killing any inmates, shot and killed a child torn from its Jewish mother by another SS guard and thrown into the air for target practice.

The witness, who fled after a Treblinka 1943 uprising, also testified that he had been whipped by Franz and that Franz ordered his dog to attack inmates who were then killed by another guard, August Miete. Miete then testified that he had shot inmates on orders from Franz.

### RED CROSS TO CONTINUE JURISDICTION OVER TRACING PERSONS LOST IN WAR

GENEVA, April 20. (JTA) -- The United States, Britain, France and West Germany agreed here today to extend for an indeterminate period their previous resolve to give the International Red Cross jurisdiction over the International Tracing Service, it was announced here today.

The International Tracing Service, with headquarters at Arolsen, Germany, was established after World War II, and has been deemed invaluable in helping trace persons missing as a result of the war, displaced persons and their families, and others sought by relatives and friends around the world. Vast archives of aid to the tracing of such persons are housed at the Arolsen center.

### CHRISTIAN-JEWISH GROUP IN ARGENTINE DEPLORES SOVIET POLICY ON JEWS

BUENOS AIRES, April 20. (JTA) -- The Christian-Jewish Brotherhood here issued a public statement today deploring the discriminations against Soviet Jewry.

The statement was signed by the Rev. Adam Sesa, a Protestant; Dr. Carlos Cucchetti, a Catholic priest; and Chief Rabbi Guillermo Schlesinger. The protest cited the ban on Hebrew Bibles, the shortage of synagogues in the USSR, and the difficulties, as well as flat prohibition in some sections of Russia this year, on matzoh for Passover.

### FIRST ISRAELI-BUILT FREIGHTER TURNED OVER TO ZIM LINE IN HAIFA

JERUSALEM, April 20. (JTA) -- The first Israeli-built ship, a 3,000-ton freighter, was turned over to the Zim Company in Haifa this week, it was announced here today. Officials of Lloyd's Register of Shipping, who checked the ship's construction from the start, recommended it for the highest grade in its class.

### JEWISH VICTIMS ASSAIL NEW BONN DEADLINE FOR PROSECUTION OF NAZIS

BRUSSELS, April 20. (JTA) -- West Germany's law fixing January 1, 1970, as the new deadline for prosecution of Nazi war criminals for murder was assailed today by the Belgian Union of Jewish Former Resistance Fighters as "an infamous decision."

The organization made its protest in a letter to the West German Ambassador here, saying its members were "deeply shocked" by the action. The new law extended by four and a half years the prior cut-off date for such prosecution, which had been May 8.

The organization said it was "protesting energetically" with all other resistance fighters and victims of Nazism the "intolerable act which, in fact, is a postponed amnesty." The group called the extension an "enormous fraud intended to abuse world public opinion." It declared that the act extended to "war criminals responsible for genocide and crimes against humanity the benefit of a statute of limitations against prosecution."

The organization called the act a profanation of the memory of millions of victims of Nazism and a provocation toward all men of goodwill. It added that it considered the extension "illegal and will, together with all Belgian patriots, engage in an implacable struggle against it."

### Jews in Austria Protest Bonn Decision on Nazi War Criminals

VIENNA, April 20. (JTA) -- The Association of Jewish Persecutees in Austria filed a protest today with the West German officials against a proposal to limit prosecution of former Nazi war criminals to so-called major offenders.

The proposal is incorporated in the extension of the deadline for the prosecution of Nazi war criminals recently approved by the West German Parliament.

In letters to Justice Minister Karl Weber and Bundestag President Eugen Gerstenmaier, the association called the proposal the equivalent of a "hidden amnesty." The association said that the crimes involved were murder or acts leading to murder.

### ROCKWELL SEEKS TO RUN FOR GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA; FILES PETITION

RICHMOND, Va., April 20. (JTA) -- George Lincoln Rockwell, head of the American Nazi Party, will be qualified to run as a candidate for Governor of Virginia in the November elections, if the 255 petitioners on his behalf are found to be registered Virginia voters, state authorities ruled today.

Levin Nock Davis, executive secretary of the State Board of Elections, said Rockwell would be qualified subject to the validity of the names on his petition. The support of 250 qualified voters is required to enter the gubernatorial race in Virginia.

Rockwell's petitions were signed by 255 citizens who indicated support of the Nazi's candidacy. Rockwell said he would obtain additional signatories as a precaution, in case some of the names already submitted are found to be unqualified as voters. He filed as an independent candidate, rather than on an openly-proclaimed Nazi Party ticket.

Some surprise was expressed in the state capital that 255 Virginians were apparently willing to advocate a candidate who is notoriously identified with Nazism and anti-Semitism in the state. While an extremist fringe was known to secretly back the Nazi, it was not thought that so many persons would sign their names to his petition.

### CALIFORNIA BILL SEEKS TO OUTLAW AMERICAN NAZI PARTY IN THE STATE

SACRAMENTO, Cal., April 20. (JTA)-- The California State Senate Judiciary Committee yesterday unanimously approved a bill to outlaw paramilitary organizations, after a report by State Attorney General Thomas Lynch had urged such action against the American Nazi Party and other similar groups in the state.

The Attorney General's report, which described private army groups as "a threat to the peace and security of our state," listed, an addition to the American Nazi Party, the Minutemen, the Black Muslims, the National States Right Party and the California Rangers.

The bill, which was sponsored by State Sen. J. Eugene McAteer, of San Francisco, defines private armies as organizations that are agencies of neither Federal nor state government, but that "engage in instruction or training in guerilla warfare."

### CANADIAN JEW ESTABLISHES \$100,000 FELLOWSHIP AT HEBREW UNIVERSITY

MONTREAL, April 20. (JTA)-- A \$100,000 permanent fellowship fund has been established at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem by Dr. Andre Aisenstadt. Canadian industrialist, it was announced here today. To be known as the "Dr. Aisenstadt Fellowship in Higher Mathematics and Theoretical Physics," the income from the fund will provide annual stipends of \$5,000 each.

AMERICAN CHRISTIAN GROUP PREPARES HAGGADAH FOR NEGRO COMMUNITIES

BOSTON, April 20. (JTA) -- A Haggadah for the Negro community, to be used at annual celebrations of the civil rights movement, is being prepared by a Southern Christian Leadership Conference committee, Mrs. Virgil Wood, president of the Massachusetts unit of the conference, announced today.

Rabbi Meyer J. Strassfeld, of Congregation Agudath Israel, Dorchester, an Orthodox rabbi who is a member of the steering committee of the SCLC, is serving as consultant for the Haggadah. It will be patterned after the Jewish Haggadah and will contain Negro history, songs, prayer and symbols depicting both slavery and freedom.

Members of the committee expressed the hope that the special Haggadah would help eliminate some of the anti-Jewish, as well as anti-Negro sentiments which they said were present in some elements among Negro and white groups. The committee hopes to complete the project this summer.

NEW YORK GOVERNOR AND MAYOR PROCLAIM WARSAW GHETTO UPRISING DAY

NEW YORK, April 20. (JTA) -- The day of April 29, which corresponds with the Hebrew date of the 27th day of Nissan, marking the annual Day of Remembrance, was designated as Warsaw Ghetto Day in a proclamation issued today by Governor Nelson Rockefeller of the State of New York. A similar proclamation is being issued by Mayor Wagner, addressed to the people of the City of New York.

The 22nd anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising will be commemorated with a huge rally on Thursday, April 29, at Times Square, which will be renamed for the occasion "Warsaw Ghetto Square." The commemoration of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising in Times Square will be held under the auspices of the Zionist Organization of America and co-sponsored by 30 other national and metropolitan organizations. Principal speakers at the rally will be Senators Jacob K. Javits and Robert F. Kennedy; Morris Abram, U. S. representative of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, who is also president of the American Jewish Committee, and Dr. Max Nussbaum, president of the ZOA. The memorial prayer will be recited by Metropolitan Opera tenor Richard Tucker.

National and metropolitan organizations co-sponsoring the commemoration of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising include: American Federation of Jews from Central Europe, American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Congress, American Zionist Council, American Zionist Youth Commission, American Zionist Youth Council, New York Zionist Youth Council, Betar Zionist Youth Organization, B'nai B'rith Metropolitan Council, Bnai Dror Youth Organization, Bnai Zion, Club of Polish Jews, Jewish Nazi Victims Organization of America, Jewish War Veterans of the United States, Masada Young Zionists, and Mizrahi Hat zair.

Also, the National Council of Jewish Women, National Young Judaea, New York Board of Rabbis, Pioneer Women, Rumanian Jewish Federation of America, Synagogue Council of America, United Galician Jews of America, United Labor Zionist Party of the U. S. A., United Synagogue of America, United Zionists-Revisionists of America, Warsaw Ghetto Resistance Organization, World Jewish Congress--American Section, and the Zionist Organization of America.

BERLIN YOUTH COMMEMORATES JEWISH PAINTER KILLED IN NAZI CAMP

WEST BERLIN, April 20. (JTA) -- A commemorative plaque in memory of Charlotte Salomon, the Jewish painter murdered in the Auschwitz death camp, was unveiled at the site of the house here, where she was born in 1917.

Dietrich Wenzel, chairman of the West Berlin Youth Organization, which sponsored the event, said that the youth of West Berlin wished to honor, in the commemoration, all victims of the Nazi era. The unveiling was attended by Alfons Grajek, deputy mayor of Berlin-Charlottenburg, and by Dr. Heinz Galinski, chairman of the West Berlin Jewish Community.

JOSEPH M. LEVY DEAD; WAS N. Y. TIMES CORRESPONDENT IN MIDDLE EAST

NEW YORK, April 20. (JTA) -- Funeral services were held here today for Joseph M. Levy, former New York Times correspondent in the Middle East, who was active after his retirement as a correspondent in aiding Jews living in Arab countries. He died yesterday at the age of 64.

Mr. Levy, who knew Hebrew, Arabic and six other languages, was born in Brunswick, N. J., and taken to Jerusalem as an infant. He attended the University of Beirut and served later as private and political secretary to Sir Ronald Storrs, Governor of Jerusalem under the British Mandate. He served the Times from 1928 to 1947, working out of Jerusalem and later from Cairo. After his retirement from the Times, he served as public relations counsel to the French Embassy and was honored as an officer of the French Legion of Honor.