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### CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE DECIDES TO REDUCE U.S. AID FOR ARAB REFUGEES

WASHINGTON, May 19. (JTA) -- The Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives decided today to reduce this year by five percent the United States contribution to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees, and urged complete termination of U.S. participation in that budget as soon as feasible.

The cut was decided upon by the committee in connection with the Administration's foreign aid bill, which included \$16,000,000 as the American contribution to UNRWA's 1965-66 budget. The committee reduced this figure by \$800,000. In explaining its action, the Foreign Affairs Committee reported to the House:

"For a number of years, this committee has urged that greater effort be exerted to reduce the (Arab refugee) rolls and promote the absorption of these people into the normal economic life of the Near East region. Unfortunately, very little progress has been made in that direction. The number of (food) ration recipients is higher today than it was four years ago.

"The committee is strongly of the opinion that further gradual reductions should be made in the U.S. contribution to this activity in the coming years, with a view toward complete termination as promptly as feasible of U.S. assistance for this program."

It was noted here that Congressman Leonard Farbstein, New York Democrat, had earlier urged the U.S. Government to promote a program of gradual elimination of the Arab refugee problem by consecutive annual reductions in the refugee rolls.

(In Cairo, the Arab League charged today that the United Nations Relief and Works Agency was "serving Zionist imperialist policies by assisting the one-million Palestine refugees to emigrate to the United States and Australia." It said the agency had "caused serious harm to the Palestine issue" by reducing the number of Palestine refugees in refugee camps.)

### ISRAEL REQUESTS SYRIA TO TRANSMIT BODY OF JEW HANGED IN DAMASCUS

JERUSALEM, May 19. (JTA) -- Israel transmitted to Syria today, through the United Nations Mixed Armistice Commission, a request for the body of Eli Cohen, who was executed in Damascus yesterday, for burial in Israel. It was also disclosed that Israel made an approach to a "friendly nation" to use its offices for arranging the delivery of the body.

Earlier today, the Israel Foreign Ministry voiced "shock and outrage" over the hanging of the 41-year-old Israeli on charges of espionage for Israel. The statement denounced the fact that an "Israeli citizen has been executed in Syria after a travesty of a trial without an opportunity for legal defense, in defiance of the most elementary precepts of justice and in spite of appeals by scores of personalities and organizations asking the Syrians to abide by the customary rules of justice and clemency."

Israel Galili eulogized Mr. Cohen in Israel's Parliament, declaring that Israel and the Jewish people will long remember him. He called the Syrian execution "despicable barbarity." Editorials of Israel's leading newspapers voiced shock over the "barbarism" displayed by the Syrians, asserting that the action negated minimal concepts of justice and humanitarianism accepted throughout the world.

News of the trial was withheld in Israel throughout the 40 days of proceedings in order not to prejudice efforts to save Mr. Cohen. Israel, it was learned, offered to exchange any or all of Syrian prisoners it was holding in exchange for commutation of the death sentence. The Syrians rejected the offer just as they rebuffed all appeals for clemency, which included requests from two European heads of state, Pope Paul VI, the Argentine Vice-President, and countless leading world personalities, including the Lebanese Bishop in New York.

Chief Rabbi Yitzhak Nissim issued a statement today requesting that special prayers in memory of Mr. Cohen be recited in all synagogues after the reading of the Torah.

### MAPAI AND ACHDUT SIGN FORMAL ALIGNMENT PACT; BEN-GURION ABSENT

HAIFA, May 19. (JTA) -- In ceremonies here presided over by Mrs. Ranel Yanait Ben-Zvi, widow of the late Israeli President, Mapai and Achdut Avodah signed their alignment agreement today. Ex-Premier Ben-Gurion was absent.

## BARRIERS BETWEEN JEWS AND CHRISTIANS REPORTED COMING DOWN IN SUBURBIA

NEW YORK, May 19. (JTA) -- The 58th annual meeting of the American Jewish Committee opened here tonight with a report by Dr. John Slawson, executive vice-president of the organization, showing that a growing congenial atmosphere between Christians and Jews is taking shape in middle-class suburbia in this country. The report was based on an intensive study which disclosed that almost half of the Christians surveyed "don't care" how many Jews live in their neighborhood.

The study, conducted by the American Jewish Committee of a large mid-Western upper middle-class suburb, found that barriers between Jews and Christians are coming down as the members of each group relate to each other increasingly at work and in community groups. However, it found also that older members of the community tend to blame Jewish newcomers for any resentment they feel toward cultural and social changes the suburb has been experiencing.

The pioneering study, known as the Lakeville study--a fictional name given to a Midwestern community--probed in depth basic trends on how Jews and Christians get along with each other, and the main directions that American suburban intergroup living is headed for in the future. Lakeville was chosen because sociologists felt it reflected future patterns of suburban living. One of the study's major conclusions dealt with the fact that the new spirit of friendship in the suburb was casual rather than close and personal.

It was in community organizations, such as PTA's and similar groups, that the congenial atmosphere developed when both Christians and Jews intermingled and worked together for common goals. However, the hobby, recreational and social groups in the community remain dominated by cliques and status interests, with little or no intermingling between Christians and Jews.

The Lakeville study, whose author is Dr. Benjamin B. Ringer, was conducted under the direction of Dr. Marshall Sklare, the Committee's director of scientific research. It will be published early next year. The study has taken about five years to complete, and is based mainly on interviews in depth with Christians and Jews living in Lakeville, which has a population of 26,000, about one-third Jewish.

### Degree of 'Acceptance Level' of Jews by Christians Varies

Four out of five non-Jews in Lakeville were found to be willing to live among Jews, although the degree of their "acceptance level" of Jews varied within the group. Twenty-three percent of the non-Jewish respondents said they would prefer a situation in which Jews remained the minority of the community--not more than about 30 percent of the population. About 25 percent indicated that they would accept a situation in which there were as many Jews as non-Jews; and about 43 percent said they "don't care" how many Jews live in their neighborhood.

The report found that in relationships between Christians and Jews, Jews have a somewhat different approach than Christians do. Most Jewish newcomers feel that their own convictions should be respected on controversial community issues. But these newcomers, as well as the older Jewish residents, bend their efforts "toward cultivating good relations with non-Jews," while working for the welfare of the community. Christians, on the other hand, seem to reveal little interest in winning acceptance by the Jews, and, while they might accept Jews, they do not feel the need to be accepted by them.

The desire among Jews for good intergroup relations is matched by a parallel impulse to maintain strong ties within the Jewish group. This issue of Jewish group identity is the subject of a companion study in Lakeville, currently in preparation.

Jewish newcomers are treated somewhat differently than old-timers. A recent influx of Jewish residents has shifted Lakeville's traditional character, the report points out, and introduced many problems that accompany municipal growth. "All of which," the report states, "has placed the Jewish newcomer in a particularly vulnerable position. He is the main scapegoat of those residents who disapprove of the cultural and political changes in Lakeville as well as those who simply disapprove of Jews." The report describes four types of non-Jewish attitudes toward Jews, as found in the Lakeville study:

1. The Exclusionist--considers Jews a "racial" or biological type and is opposed to them completely as a group. He is so opposed to them as a group that he would tend not to accept any Jewish neighbors.
2. The Exemptionist-- is willing to tolerate Jews when they remain in a very small minority as non-Jewish Jews.
3. The Pluralist-- is the individual who finds differences in people challenging rather than threatening. He is attracted and stimulated by Jews because he believes their "differences" can be rewarding. He prefers an equally balanced neighborhood where no one group is dominant.
4. The Egalitarian--emphasizes the similarities underlying group differences and believes in relating to people as individuals rather than as members of a group. He seems

to be generally indifferent to the number of Jews in his neighborhood and maintains a "live and let live" attitude which fosters congeniality and acceptance.

The Lakeville study covered Jewish residents embodying a broad cross-section of old-timers and newcomers from German and East European backgrounds of diverse social and economic classes. The survey is based on a broad sample of the community conducted by professional interviewers, including those from the staff of a prominent public opinion research organization connected with a major university.

#### CHIEF RABBI OF SWEDEN DIES OF HEART ATTACK CAUSED BY NAZI PLOT

STOCKHOLM, May 19. (JTA) -- Chief Rabbi Kurt Wilhelm of Stockholm died today after a heart attack reportedly caused by disclosure last week of plans of a Swedish Nazi gang to kill all Swedish Jews. Dr. Wilhelm, who had been Chief Rabbi since 1948, was 65. The Nazis had repeatedly accused him of anti-Christian activities.

Born in Magdeburg, Germany, Dr. Wilhelm was ordained at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York and served as a rabbi in a number of German cities prior to the Nazi regime. He emigrated to Palestine in 1935, serving as editor of the Schocken Publishing House in Jerusalem until 1948, when he settled in Stockholm.

The murder plans of the Nazis were found in documents uncovered by police in a recent raid in which seven of the Nazis were arrested. Police also seized two caches of arms. The documents included tape recordings of conversations between members of the Nazi gang and members of the Egyptian Embassy in Stockholm.

Experts here on neo-Nazi activities estimated today that the program of the Swedish Nazis involved outlays of around \$200,000 a year. The experts said such funds were impossible to raise from members and that they were obtained from anonymous industrialists.

The leader of the Nazis, Bjoern Lundahl, who is under arrest facing charges of high treason, admitted today he had written some of the documents but insisted he had not signed others on which his name appeared.

#### MEXICAN PRIEST DEMANDS RESTORATION OF INQUISITION; ATTACKS JEWS

MEXICO CITY, May 19. (JTA) -- A demand that the Catholic Church restore the Inquisition to suppress "progressives" in the Church who would have the Ecumenical Council repudiate the decide charge concerning Jews, and who advocate a schema endorsing the principle of freedom of religion for all peoples, was made here today by a priest, the Rev. Dr. Joaquin Saenz y Arriaga.

Issuing a brochure interpreting his version of the moves taken at the last session of the Ecumenical Council regarding Jews and religious freedom in general, Dr. Saenz y Arriaga attacked Jews and Catholic liberals. He insisted that the Catholic Church will never lift the decide charge against Jews and stated openly that Catholics will continue "hating Jews until they accept Christ as the true Messiah."

#### CANADIAN PARLIAMENT GETS BILL AGAINST PROMOTING HATE PROPAGANDA

OTTAWA, May 19. (JTA) -- A third bill amending the Criminal Code was introduced in the House of Commons here today, providing that any person shall be "deemed to have seditious intention" if he "wilfully promotes hatred or contempt against any group of persons or any person as a member of any group in Canada."

The measure was presented by Marvin Gelber, of Toronto-York South, who stated in a memorandum to Parliament that the present Criminal Code fails to spell out seditious charges against those pinpointed in his amendment. There are two other Criminal Code amendments pending in the House now, both aimed against hate propaganda and incitements to hatred against any group.

#### N.Y. STATE SENATE APPROVES BILL FOR TEXTBOOKS TO RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS

ALBANY, N.Y., May 19. (JTA) -- The New York State Senate overwhelmingly approved today by a vote of 50 to 7 a bill previously approved by the Assembly to allow school boards in the state to provide textbooks to students of private and religious schools. The measure has split Jewish organizations. The measure was sent to Gov. Rockefeller who is expected to sign it into law shortly.

The American Jewish Congress, which opposed the measure before the Assembly, said today that if it is signed into law, as expected, it will seek an early court test of the measure. The organization called it a "flagrant" violation of the state constitution because it allegedly breaches the principle barring state aid to religious schools.

Supporters of the measure, who included a number of Orthodox Jewish groups which sponsor a network of Jewish day schools attended by 41,000 pupils in New York State, contended that the measure does not violate the constitution because the textbooks would be loaned to students, not to schools.

### NEW YORK IMMIGRANT AID SOCIETY HELPED 4,500 JEWISH NEWCOMERS IN 1964

NEW YORK, May 19. (JTA) -- Some 4,500 Jewish newcomers to the United States were helped to settle in New York City in 1964 by the New York Association for New Americans, an agency of the United Jewish Appeal, it was announced today by Martin Kleinbard, president, at the agency's annual meeting. Mr. Kleinbard was elected to a second term as president.

In his report to the board of directors, Mr. Kleinbard stated that several new programs had proved effective in assisting the newcomers in initial settlement. He said that most important was the agency's emphasis on retraining of clients for full utilization of skills in the American labor market and on provision for intensive English courses to accelerate upgrading in jobs and integration in the community.

An intensive program for teen-agers was instituted in 1964 to insure their completion of schooling, training for jobs and, where possible, entrance to college. Last summer, teen-agers in families arriving at the end of the school year or during the summer months were placed in intensive English courses so that they could enter school in the fall at the proper level.

Another special program for which NYANA still has responsibility, Mr. Kleinbard stated, is the care of 20 youngsters from Cuba whose parents are still unable to rejoin them. NYANA, in 1961 and 1962, undertook the care of 175 such children. Of these, a number are now over 21 years of age and are self-supporting and others have been reunited with their parents, also aided to settle in New York by NYANA.

Altogether, according to Mr. Kleinbard, 2,300 Jewish refugees from Cuba were settled by the agency in New York and all have made an excellent adjustment, economically and socially. Most of the newcomers who arrived for settlement in New York in 1964 were admitted under special refugee laws, now known as the "Fair Share Law." Others qualified under the basic immigration law. Jewish immigrants in 1964 came from 27 different countries, with the majority from Eastern European countries.

### MOUNTAIN VIEW, GROWING NEW CITY IN CALIFORNIA, ELECTS JEW AS MAYOR

SAN FRANCISCO, May 19. (JTA) -- Mountain View, a fast-growing city on the Bay, has elected its first Jewish Mayor, 32-year-old Charles Gordon, a resident since 1958. In 1963 he was named the Outstanding Young Man of the Year by the Mountain View Junior Chamber of Commerce.

In 1962, Mr. Gordon was elected to the City Council by the largest vote ever given to any candidate. He is a member of the Beth Am Congregation, a former president of the Palo Alto chapter of B'nai B'rith, president of the 1965 United Fund and chairman of the Family Service Advisory Board of Mountain View.

### ISRAELI CONSUL GENERAL IN LOS ANGELES HONORED; NAMED ENVOY TO GHANA

LOS ANGELES, May 19. (JTA) -- Mordecai Shalev, Israeli Consul General for the Western States, reported here last night that drinking water was already being supplied from desalination projects on the Red Sea to residents of Eilat, Israel's southernmost port. The Israeli official, who has been named Ambassador to Ghana, made the disclosure in a farewell address to the local Jewish National Fund organization.

Dr. Joseph Burg, Israeli Social Welfare Minister, told the meeting of 600 delegates that Israel would not allow its enemies "to divert the waters of the Jordan River and let them flow into the sea." He noted that the JNF was establishing a new network of outposts and roads in the affected area.

### THREE LEADING JEWISH INTELLECTUALS IN POLAND DECORATED BY GOVERNMENT

WARSAW, May 19. (JTA) -- Three leading Polish Jews were awarded the Order of Merit by the Polish Government for cultural contributions. They were Prof. Ber Mark, director of the Jewish Historical Institute in Poland, Dr. David Sfar, poet and author, and Dr. Benjamin Nadel, university lecturer. They were received by Culture Minister Lucien Motyka who decorated them personally.

### MEMORIAL STONE UNVEILED FOR DR. HERZL IN VILLAGE WHERE HE DIED

VIENNA, May 19. (JTA) -- A memorial stone in honor of Theodor Herzl was unveiled today in the Lower Austrian village of Edlach, where the father of political Zionism died on July 3, 1904.

A large delegation of leading Jews in this country attended the rites. Addresses on Dr. Herzl were delivered by Ambassador Michael Simon, Israel's envoy to Austria; and Ernst Feldsberg, president of the Austrian Jewish Community. Dr. Herzl's remains were reinterred in Israel in 1949, and now lie in a grave atop Mount Herzl, in Jerusalem.