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## STATE DEPT. EFFORTS TO BLOCK THE CREATION OF A JEWISH STATE REVEALED

WASHINGTON, June 15: (JTA) -- Efforts on the part of United States diplomats in the Middle East to influence the United States Government against supporting the Jewish request for large-scale admission to Palestine of Jewish refugees from Nazi Europe in 1944--as well as the opposition of the State Department to Jewish aspirations in Palestine--were revealed here today with the publication of previously secret State Department documents.

State Department high officials stressed, according to the documents, that the interests of the United States demanded a pro-Arab policy and rejection of Jewish attempts in Washington to gain government support for Zionist objectives. Displeasure by the State Department against both political parties for their sympathy with the Jewish aspirations was indicated by the State Department which sought to block pro-Zionist expressions by Congress, the documents disclose.

The State Department secret papers published today also reveal that the Roosevelt Administration was warned by State Department officials in 1944 that Britain might propose the partitioning of Palestine after World War II into two separate states, one Jewish and one Arab. The officials urged that the United States should not support any partition plan. They emphasized that the Soviet Government was opposed to the establishment of a Jewish state in Palestine and aimed at penetrating the Arab world.

### Officials Protested Against Roosevelt's Message to U.S. Zionists

President Roosevelt's 1944 message to American Zionists, sympathizing with the Jewish situation, was protested by State Department officials on the ground that such pro-Jewish statements helped create "a very serious problem for American interests" in the Arab world.

Wallace Murray, then Director of the State Department Office of Near Eastern Affairs, sought to blame pro-Zionist statements in the United States for indirectly encouraging "the more extreme Zionist elements such as the assassins of Lord Moyne," Lord Moyne, British Minister of State in the Middle East, was assassinated in Cairo by the Stern Group on November 5, 1944.

Loy Henderson, U.S. Minister in Iraq in 1944, raised questions about "internal political expediency" in opposing American sympathy for Jewish aims. He complained that the better educated Arabs were asking whether it was possible that American foreign policy was shaped "to meet the demand of private pressure groups possessed of ample funds and exercising extensive control over American channels of information."

A report from the U.S. military attache in Beirut, in 1944, was based on a conversation with the assistant chief of the British Security Mission for Syria and Lebanon. It made a point that Arab-Jewish difficulties were caused by "the mistaken allied policy of over-emphasizing Jewish aims."

One State Department memorandum, openly revealed that the State Department was deeply interested in learning the nature and contents of private talks between Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Rabbi Israel Goldstein, and other Zionist leaders in London with Dr. Chaim Weizmann "and presumably with high British officials."

## FATE OF ISRAELIS IMPRISONED IN SYRIA DISCUSSED WITH U.N. TRUCE CHIEF

JERUSALEM, June 15: (JTA) -- Israeli Foreign Ministry officials discussed today the fate of seven Israelis still held in Syrian prisons with Gen. Odd Bull, Chief of Staff of the United Nations Truce Supervisory Organization.

Israel previously had asked the UN organization here to ask Syrian officials about the still unrepatriated prisoners. Five Israeli Jews and two Israeli Arabs are known to be held by the Syrians, some of them for more than 10 years. Israel has protested repeatedly against the continued detention of its nationals. When an exchange of prisoners was negotiated last year, Syrian authorities said all Israelis had been released.

### U.N. Commission Condemns Israel for Third Raid in Jordan

JERUSALEM, June 15: (JTA) -- The Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission, which held three meetings on Israel's May 27 retaliatory raids against three areas in Jordan, condemned today the raid on Shuna. The Commission previously condemned the attacks on Kalkilya and Jenin as violations of the United Nations armistice agreement.

## STUDENT MEETING IN GENEVA PROTESTS SOVIET DISCRIMINATION AGAINST JEWS

GENEVA, June 15. (JTA) -- Evidence on the persecution of Soviet Jews in the religious, cultural and economic fields was presented here at a mass meeting organized by the General Association of students and the Geneva Union of Jewish Students.

Jacques Nantet, Catholic writer and rapporteur of the League for Human Rights, and Ephraim Tari, a journalist, both from Paris, presented documents and illustrations dealing with the problems of Soviet Jewry. The speakers emphasized the systematic denial of the existence of the Jewish community in the Soviet Union.

Dr. Vladimir Halperin, director of the world ORT Union, presided over the debate that followed. Other participants were Jean Treina, president of the Council of State of Geneva, Chief Rabbi Safran, and several faculty members of Geneva University where the protest rally was held.

## GERMAN COURT OFFICIALS TO TAKE TESTIMONY IN U. S. FROM NAZI VICTIMS

DUSSELDORF, June 15. (JTA) -- Officials of the Dusseldorf court trying a group of 10 former personnel of the Treblinka wartime murder camp will travel again to the United States and Canada to take testimony from former inmates.

The court decided to hear witnesses in Montreal for a second time after defense attorneys for the former SS men charged that the witnesses met prior to giving testimony in Montreal the first time and "collaborated" on their evidence. The defendants are charged with participation in the slaughter of 700,000 Jews.

West Germany's maximum penalty, a life prison sentence, was in the meantime requested by the prosecutor today in the trial in Freybourg of Robert Weissmann, who is charged with murdering Jews in the Polish district of Nowy Targ in the summer of 1942. A nine-year prison sentence was asked for a second accused, Richard Sehfisch, who is charged with complicity in the murder of at least 87 persons.

## CHARGE AGAINST PRESIDENT OF RESTITUTION COURT CONFIRMED IN GERMANY

BONN, June 15. (JTA) -- A spokesman for the West German Ministry of Justice confirmed today charges made this week by the American Jewish Congress that Karl Arndt, president of the Restitution Court of Appeals in Bremen, had been a member of the infamous Nazi SS Corps. The spokesman, however, declined to comment on the AJC demand that Arndt be removed on the grounds that it was a matter for the State of Bremen to deal with.

The Justice Ministry spokesman said that the Government was about to investigate the matter when the AJC demand came to their attention. In his capacity as president of the Restitution Court, Arndt passed on the restitution claims by Jews and other Nazi victims in the city-state of Bremen.

In replying to the charges today, Arndt said that he had himself been a victim of Nazi persecution when the Nazis opposed his holding a professorship at a Berlin law academy because of his "friendly" relations with Jews. At the urging of the Nazi party, he added, he was dismissed from the academy. He said he had never concealed his membership in Nazi organizations.

## BAMBERG POLICE ANNOUNCE ARREST OF THREE FOR ANTI-SEMITIC ACTS

BAMBERG, West Germany, June 15. (JTA) -- Police announced the arrest today of three suspects in a second anti-Semitic act of vandalism in Bamberg in 48 hours. The three were held in connection with the daubing of gravestones in the Jewish cemetery in Bamberg with swastikas and anti-Semitic scribbles which occurred last night.

Similar smearings were found on a monument at the site of the Bamberg synagogue destroyed by the Nazis in 1938. The defacements were found Sunday shortly before the monument was dedicated by the city.

## GERMANY ABOLISHES VISAS FOR ISRAELIS; INTRODUCES THEM FOR ARABS

BONN, June 15. (JTA) -- The West German Interior Ministry announced today that visa requirements for visiting Israelis have been abolished. However, a West German visiting Israel will still need a visa under West German passport requirements.

It was also indicated that citizens of all ten Arab countries which broke off relations recently with West Germany when Bonn recognized Israel, who previously did not need visas to enter West Germany, must now have them.

## ISRAEL SHIPPING COMPANY ORDERS TWO LARGE VESSELS IN ENGLAND

TEL AVIV, June 15. (JTA) -- The Elyam Shipping Company has placed orders for two bulk carriers of 65,000 tons each with the British Furness Shipbuilding and Engineering Company, it was reported today. The contract is subject only to arrangement of satisfactory credit conditions.

Earlier, Norwegian yards were asked for bids on two more 10,000-ton refrigerated maritime fruit carriers.

## CONVENTION OF REFORM RABBIS GETS PROGRAM ON ATTRACTING COLLEGE YOUTH

CINCINNATI, June 15. (JTA) -- A five-point program of action by American Reform Judaism to attract college youth and Jewish intellectuals into the ranks of Jewish life was proposed here today at the opening session of the 76th annual five-day convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

Rabbi Leon I. Feuer, CCAR president, told the Reform rabbis that "our college youths constitute the most tragically and wastefully neglected area of American Jewish life." He urged that attention should be paid also to the "growing number of Jews on the faculties of our colleges and universities" who should "provide us with a tremendous reservoir of intellectual energy."

He told the rabbinical delegates that there were an estimated 300,000 Jewish students on American college campuses and that the total amount spent by Jewish organizations for college programs was about eight dollars per student. "Unknown numbers of our young men and women are wandering in the limbo of Jewish religious apathy, ignorance and disinterest when at least some of them might be forming the vanguard of a vigorous and creative American Judaism of tomorrow," he said.

### Intensive Study of Jewish Campus Population Recommended

He proposed the launching of an "intensive study" by the CCAR and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations of the Jewish campus population to determine the "religious and learning needs of Jewish students and teachers." He proposed also the sending of rabbinic scholars and teachers to college campuses to conduct religious services, establish Jewish study programs and engage in discussions with Jewish faculty members on Judaism, theology and religion.

He also urged the establishment of chairs of Jewish learning on campuses, continuation of experimental programs now being conducted with Jewish college students in New England, and a canvass of the financial resources of Reform Judaism and foundations to meet the costs of the proposed program. He said many of the proposed programs could be conducted in cooperation with the present work of B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations which, he asserted, was "being asked to do an almost impossible eclectic job with all too meager resources."

Rabbi Feuer assailed recent predictions by Jewish sociologists and leaders of the assimilation and decline of the Jewish population of the United States. Rejecting such "prophecies of doom" and criticizing those creating "a mood of panic," Rabbi Feuer said that "threats of destruction are not novel in the experience of the Jewish people." He acknowledged, however, the need for a "realistic approach" to the problem, which would involve "doing everything in our power to broaden the knowledge, to deepen the religious commitment, to make more attractive and meaningful our ritual observance and thus fortify the survival motivations of our people."

## CARDINAL CUSHING ASSURES HE WILL SEEK REPUDIATION OF DEICIDE CHARGE

KIAMESHA LAKE, N. Y., June 15. (JTA) -- Richard Cardinal Cushing of Boston said last night that he would do his best to "right the wrong of centuries against the Jews by Christians." In a message from the Cardinal read at the four-state convention of the B'nai B'rith here, Cardinal Cushing said he would work toward approval by the forthcoming session of the Ecumenical Council of the schema on the Jews repudiating the charge of deicide.

Cardinal Cushing, who did not appear at the convention because he is recovering from major surgery, was given the B'nai B'rith Presidential Interfaith Award for "leadership and dedication in furthering the cause of a true ecumenical spirit for all the people." In his message to the convention, Cardinal Cushing said: "We are friends because we are children of the self-same God. We have much to say to one another, but this cannot be said by sociologists. It must be said by theologians."

(In Dallas, Roman Catholic Bishop Ernest L. Unterkoefler, addressing a convention of District 7 of B'nai B'rith yesterday, said that Catholics and Jews are "like brothers" and need an understanding of "each other's problems." He said that better Jewish-Catholic relations could come about through "a greater sense of compassion, empathy and true brotherly love." He recommended interreligious dialogues, conferences and educational forums to develop a common understanding of Jewish-Catholic problems.)

## ORT REPORTS TRAINING 42,328 PERSONS DURING LAST YEAR IN 21 LANDS

NEW YORK, June 15. (JTA) -- Continued massive migration of Jews will require large-scale programs of vocational aid in the coming years, according to a report issued here today by ORT, the international Jewish vocational training agency.

The report said that 42,328 persons last year received educational and economic assistance in 625 ORT training units. Seventy different trade skills were taught by 1,359 instructors. Over the last five years, 102,544 persons enrolled in such training services. The ORT programs were conducted in 21 countries, chiefly in Israel, North Africa, Iran, Poland and Western Europe. A new training activity was opened recently in Bombay, India.

The cost of ORT services in 1964 amounted to \$9,784,514, of which \$2,000,000 was received from the Joint Distribution Committee out of United Jewish Appeal income. Another \$1,100,000 came from the membership activities of Women's American ORT.

SO. AFRICAN NEWSPAPER RETRACTS ANTI-JEWISH ARTICLE; WAS PUBLISHED IN U.S.

JOHANNESBURG, June 15. (JTA) -- A leading South African newspaper, "Die Vaderland," has retracted an anti-Jewish article reprinted in its columns from the American anti-Semitic publication "Common Sense," which described as "a great lie" the Jewish contention that Hitler was responsible for the murder of six million Jews;

LECTURES ON JEWISH MEDICAL ETHICS ATTENDED BY NON-JEWISH PHYSICIANS

AUGUSTA, Ga., June 15. (JTA) -- A series of lectures on Jewish medical ethics, organized by a Jewish chaplain for Jewish personnel in the Fort Gordon Medical Corps is being attended by Christian chaplains as well as non-Jewish doctors and dentists at their own request.

The widespread interest in the series was reported by Chaplain Dov P. Elkins, the chaplain who organized the seminar, to the Jewish Welfare Board Commission on Jewish Chaplaincy. He reported also that the Department of Medicine and Religion of the American Medical Association is sending a staff member to Fort Gordon to evaluate the seminar.

YESHIVA UNIVERSITY AWARDS 508 DEGREES AND DIPLOMAS TO STUDENTS

NEW YORK, June 15. (JTA) -- Yeshiva University awarded 508 degrees and diplomas in course and seven honorary degrees at its 34th annual commencement exercises today. Two hundred and ninety three undergraduate and 215 advanced degrees were awarded to the graduates of ten of the university's schools and divisions.

The seven honorary degrees were awarded to: Ambassador Nathan Barnes, permanent representative to the United Nations from Liberia; Justice Bernard Botein, presiding justice of the Appellate Division, New York State Supreme Court; Dr. Mary I. Bunting, president of Radcliffe College on leave to serve as a member of the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission; Francis Keppel, U. S. Commissioner of Education; Rabbi Mordecai Kirschblum, member of the executive of the Jewish Agency-American Section; Dr. Willis E. Lamb, Jr., Henry Ford II professor of physics at Yale University; and Dr. Solomon Zeitlin, of Dropsie College.

25 STUDENTS TO GRADUATE FROM HEBREW TEACHERS COLLEGE IN BOSTON

BOSTON, June 15. (JTA) -- The Hebrew Teachers College will award degrees and diplomas to 25 students at its 36th annual graduation exercises on Sunday.

A record number of 82 students, the largest graduating class in the history of the College's Hebrew High School, were awarded diplomas by Dr. Eisig Silberschlag, Dean of the college. Eli A. Cohen, vice-president of HTC, presided over the graduation ceremonies and Dr. Israel Gold, assistant professor of Bible at HTC, delivered the invocation. Reuben L. Lurie, Associate Justice of the Superior Court of Massachusetts, delivered the commencement address.

ABRAHAM CAHAN RESEARCH CENTER TO BE ESTABLISHED AT HEBREW UNIVERSITY

TEL AVIV, June 15. (JTA) -- The Abraham Cahan Research Center at the Hebrew University will be dedicated Thursday in ceremonies whose participants will include Adolf Held, general manager of the Jewish Daily Forward of New York and head of the Abraham Cahan Fund in the United States. The Fund was established in New York in memory of the late editor of the Forward.

Mr. Held said that the Center will include an estimated total of 5,000,000 microfilmed units of Yiddish writings published in newspaper, bulletin and book form during the past 300 years. Included will be publications received by the Fund from the Soviet Union. Mr. Held was guest of honor at a luncheon at the Sokolow House attended by leaders of the Histadrut, Israel's Labor Federation, Yiddish writers and members of the Tel Aviv Journalists Association.

STUDY TO ESTABLISH INTERESTS OF JEWISH STUDENTS IN CHILEAN UNIVERSITIES

SANTIAGO, June 15. (JTA) -- The Jewish interests and activities of Jewish students at Chilean universities will be studied by the American Jewish Committee's Latin-American bureau, according to Prof. Eduardo L. Rogowsky, director of the bureau's department for social studies. He said the study will be made in cooperation with the Central Jewish University of Chile and the Center for Jewish University Students in Chile.

Plans for a course in the Hebrew language and culture, initiated by the Israel Legation and the local Committee for Jewish Education, were announced here today. Prof. Bernard Berdichewsky will direct the course. One of the guest lecturers will be Prof. Igal Yannay of the University of Jerusalem, who will also give lectures on the archaeology of the Biblical period.