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### ABE FORTAS NAMED BY JOHNSON TO U. S. SUPREME COURT; SUCCEEDS GOLDBERG

WASHINGTON, July 28. (JTA) -- President Johnson today announced the appointment of Abe Fortas as Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court to fill the vacancy created by Arthur J. Goldberg. Mr. Fortas, a prominent lawyer, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that he considers himself to be Jewish. He said this to clarify his own conception of his religious identity in view of his lack of formal affiliation with Jewish institutions or organizations.

Although he is not affiliated formally with any Jewish group, Mr. Fortas is known as a contributor to the United Jewish Appeal in Washington. He was born in Memphis, Tenn., on June 19, 1910, and was **seht** by his Jewish parents to study first at Southwestern University and later at Yale University. He came to Washington to work as an attorney in agencies of President Roosevelt's New Deal Administration.

Mr. Fortas, a close personal friend of President Johnson, served under Presidents Roosevelt and Truman as Undersecretary of the Interior. He has been interested in problems of civil liberties and was a member of the President's Committee on Equal Employment in the Armed Forces. He is also a member of the National Citizens Committee for Community Relations.

He served as adviser to the U. S. delegation to the United Nations in 1945. He was a professor of law at Yale University and is perhaps best known as a member of the prominent Washington law firm of Arnold, Fortas and Porter.

In announcing the appointment of Mr. Fortas, the President referred to his scholarly and humane qualities, his feelings toward fellow-men and his championship of individual liberties. The President said that his own high opinion of Mr. Fortas was shared by leaders of the Bar and other elements of national life. The President said he was glad Mr. Fortas had accepted the appointment and that "the job has sought the man."

### SECRETARY OF COMMERCE ASKED FOR REPORT ON ACTION ON ARAB BOYCOTT

WASHINGTON, July 28. (JTA) -- Sen. Clifford P. Case, New Jersey Republican, today asked Secretary of Commerce John T. Connor for an early report on action taken to deal with the Arab boycott under the anti-boycott clause of the newly adopted Export Control Act.

In a letter to the Secretary, Sen. Case said that restrictive trade practices like the Arab boycott of firms dealing with Israel "should not be permitted to influence American commercial policy one day longer than necessary."

Sen. Case pointed out that he favored a measure stronger than the one adopted. He would have flatly prohibited American firms from supporting the Arab boycott in any way. He said, however, that he hoped the weaker measure would prove effective against boycott. "If experience shows it to be ineffective, however, I shall be among the first to urge amendment of the law," Sen. Case informed the Commerce Department.

### 200 GERMAN AVIATION EXPERTS QUITTING JOBS IN EGYPT, WASHINGTON REPORTS

WASHINGTON, July 28. (JTA) -- Reports received here today told of 200 West German aviation experts and technicians quitting jobs in Egypt and returning home because they were not paid since June 1.

According to the reports, the Egyptian government failed to make the customary hard currency deposits to the European bank accounts of the high-salaried Germans who were building up Egypt's military air potential.

(From Cairo it was reported today that Wolfgang S. Lotz, a German expert now on trial in Egypt on charges of espionage for Israel has pleaded guilty to the charge. His wife and another German expert, Franz Kiesow, are on trial on the same charge, but their attorneys indicated they would plead not guilty. The indictment against all three called for the death penalty).

### ARAB LANDS TO SIT WITH ISRAEL IN DESALINATION DISCUSSION IN U. S.

WASHINGTON, July 28; (JTA) -- Egypt, Syria, Lebanon and Saudi Arabia accepted U. S. invitations to attend the first international symposium on desalination, which will be held here, despite the fact that Israel is a leading participant in the symposium, with several Israeli experts scheduled to deliver basic papers.

Of the 58 nations invited by the U. S. to the gathering, which will take place in October, 17 nations will actively participate in it. Israel is included among them. The subject of biological desalination will be presented by A. Kazir, B. Ginzberg, and Margaret Ginzberg of the Weizmann Institute of Science in Israel. The subject of "Heat and mass transfer in flash distillation with metallic interfaces" will be presented by Abraham Kogan, of Technion, the Israel Institute of Technology, in Haifa.

The subject "Study of a large site desalting plant for Israel" will be presented by Nathan Arad, of the Joint American-Israel Desalination Board, in Israel. Chaim Forgas, of the Negev Institute for Arid Zone Research, Israel, will lead the session on "Electrodialysis at high temperatures." Abraham Peled, representing Israel Desalination Engineering -- Zarchin Process Ltd., of Tel Aviv, will present a discussion on the "Operation of the freeze desalination plant at Eilat, Israel."

### ISRAEL REPORTS PROGRESS TOWARD CLOSING ITS FOREIGN TRADE GAP DEFICIT

JERUSALEM, July 28; (JTA) -- Israel made very significant progress toward closing its foreign trade deficit in the first six months of 1965, official reports showed here today. Due largely to increasing exports of citrus fruits, Israel's foreign trade deficit -- the difference between total exports and total imports -- in the period January-June of 1965 amounted to \$172,000,000.

That figure is 25 percent below the trade gap in the comparable period of 1964. The total exports of citrus fruits the first six months of this year amounted to \$230,000,000, as compared with \$196,000,000 during January-June of 1964.

Simultaneously it was reported today that 138,000 tourists came to Israel during the first six months of this year, an increase of 18 percent by comparison with the same period of 1964. Minister of Tourism, A. Govrin said that projects for the encouragement of further growth in tourism have been undertaken by the Ministry.

### ISRAEL PARATROOPERS DEMONSTRATE GREAT COMPETENCE AT MASS DROPS

TEL AVIV, July 28; (JTA) -- Israel demonstrated the competence of its paratroopers over Lake Tiberias yesterday and today carried out an exercise in which they jumped from planes at a height of 6,500 feet, fell freely for 30 seconds down to an altitude of 2,000 feet, then opened their chutes and floated gracefully down to the middle of the lake.

The exercise was part of Israel's observance of Paratrooper Week. The exercises will continue with more exhibitions at the Ramat Gan National Park, to be followed by a parade through that city. The most spectacular event is scheduled to be held tomorrow, at Tel Aviv, when a mass drop of parachutists will be staged off Tel Aviv's shore, the men dropping into the Mediterranean Sea.

### ISRAEL TO ENABLE MORE PUPILS TO GET FREE HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION

TEL AVIV, July 28; (JTA) -- Forty percent of this year's elementary school graduates in Israel will receive free education in the secondary schools, Minister of Education Zalman Aranne announced here today. The partial extension of free education to the secondary school level he said will cost 20,000,000 Israeli pounds (\$6,666,000).

Mr. Aranne said that special efforts will be made as part of the expanded high school program to develop more schools in development areas, so that all children in such areas may obtain free secondary school education.

Technion, Israel Institute of Technology, announced today that more than 1,700 men and women have enrolled for classes for the next academic year. New students enrolled, officials said, will number 1,000, up 100 over last year's enrollment. They said the most popular course chosen by students at Technion is electrical engineering.

### DUTCHMAN SENTENCED FOR ANTI-SEMITISM APPEALS TO HIGHER COURT

AMSTERDAM, July 28; (JTA) -- Paul Vantienen, a Dutchman who had served in Hitler's SS during the war, today appealed a six-month prison sentence imposed upon him by a court at Utrecht for publishing and selling anti-Semitic works.

Vantienen is the author of a book in German, published in West Germany, defending Hitler. He had used the alias of Wilhelm Asentach as the author of that work. Prior to his arrest and conviction here, he had been in Spain, assisting the notorious Belgian Nazi and war criminal, Leon Degrelle.

MOSCOW JEWISH PRAYER BOOK PERMITTED ONLY AFTER TRANSLATED FOR CENSOR

NEW YORK, July 28. (JTA) -- Moscow's Chief Rabbi Yenuda Leib Levin told American correspondents yesterday that it took him two years to translate into Russian, for the Soviet censors, the Jewish prayer book which will soon be published in Hebrew in the Soviet Union with the approval of The Council for the Affairs of Religious Cults which is in charge of religious affairs.

The Chief Rabbi said he did not know exactly when the three-volume prayer book would be ready. He said that a printing of 10,000 copies had been authorized but added that "even if the books are given to the printer tomorrow, it would take two or three months before they appear." He expressed hope that they may be ready in time for distribution during the next High Holy Days. In the meantime he has not announced the event to his congregations. "Until I have the books, I have nothing to announce," he said.

Rabbi Levin also told the American correspondents he expects to have an enrollment of 30 students in his yeshiva next fall, 20 of them to be from areas outside Moscow. He said he expects to start classes at the yeshiva immediately after the High Holy Days. He and Menasha Mikhailovich, president of Moscow's Central Synagogue, told the correspondents that American Jews, either as individuals or in groups, are welcome to visit "if they come in a spirit of peace and unity" and not for the purpose of "writing slanders about our country."

The New York Times reported from Vilna, the leading Jewish cultural center in Eastern Europe before World War II, that the city has today a Jewish population of about 15,000 as compared with the 80,000 Jews who lived there before the Nazis occupied the city which is now the Soviet Lithuanian capital. The report noted that the "Biro-Bidjaner Shtern" -- the only Yiddish newspaper in the Soviet Union, published three times a week in Biro-Bidjan -- is being sold on the newsstands in Vilna.

POLISH GOVERNMENT REPORTED ENCOURAGING JEWISH CULTURE IN POLAND

JERUSALEM, July 28. (JTA) -- The Polish Government is encouraging Jewish culture in Poland because the Jews in that country are responding to the facilities available to them, Dr. M. Bronstein, of Wroclaw, reported here today in an address to one of the sections of the fourth Congress of Jewish Studies. The Congress, held on the campus of the Hebrew University, is being attended by hundreds of Jewish scholars from 17 countries.

Dr. Bronstein reported that Jewish books and periodicals enjoy large circulation in Poland, and that large audiences attend the Jewish theater and participate in other educational and artistic activities. On the negative side, however, he said, is the fact that intermarriage plagues the Polish Jewish community.

In another address, Dr. S. Simon, of the Hebrew University, warned of what he called "the growing dissimilarity" between Jewish youth in Israel and the younger Jews in countries outside Israel. One Congress feature today was a reception given to the participants by President Zalman Shazar.

SPANISH GOVERNMENT TURNS OVER JEWISH GIFT TO SEPHARDIC MUSEUM

MADRID, July 28. (JTA) -- The Spanish Government turned over to the Sephardic Museum in the ancient El Transito synagogue at Toledo 1,000,000 pesetas (about \$16,700) which had been contributed by an anonymous donor who had identified himself as a Jew, it was reported here today.

The donor had sent the money to Foreign Minister Fernando Maria Castiella with a letter thanking Spain for its manifestation of respect for the Jewish religion and culture. The El Transito synagogue dates back to the 14th century, and was dedicated by the Spanish Government some years ago as a national monument. A postage stamp depicting the courtyard of the synagogue was issued by the government this week.

PIONEER WOMEN CONVENTION DECIDES TO RAISE \$2,220,000 IN TWO YEARS

PHILADELPHIA, July 28; (JTA) -- The convention of the Pioneer Women, American Women's Labor Zionist Organization, today resolved to raise \$2,220,000 during the next two years for the social service program of Moetzet Hapoalot, its sister organization in Israel; It elected Mrs. Rose Kaufman of New York and Cleveland as national president succeeding Mrs. Blanche Fine who served for two years.

The delegates adopted a resolution calling upon the Soviet Government to restore full cultural, national and religious rights to its Jewish citizens. The resolution urged the Soviet Government to: 1. Permit the free functioning of synagogues and private prayer meetings; 2. Allow the Jewish community to publish religious texts in necessary quantities; 3. Permit Jews to make religious pilgrimages to Israel; 4. Provide schools and other facilities for the study of Yiddish and Hebrew and of Jewish culture; and 5. Permit Jewish intellectuals to create institutions for the encouragement of Jewish cultural life.

### NAZIS IN TORONTO ATTEMPT TO PARADE IN LOCAL PARK; EIGHT ARRESTED

TORONTO, July 28. (JTA) -- Eight adherents of the Canadian Nazi Party, led by their self-styled commanders, John Beattie and D. Stanley, were arrested here today after they tried to stage a demonstration in a public park.

The group entered the city park, Allen Gardens, and unfurled a banner bearing the swastika. They paraded only about 50 yards when several men snatched the Nazi banner from them and trampled it. The Nazis started to run, but were rounded up by the police. They were charged with unlawful assembly and released on bail.

### NEW YORK SCIENTIST TO WORK ON NUCLEAR RESEARCH AT WEIZMANN INSTITUTE

NEW YORK, July 28. (JTA) -- Dr. Sidney Borowitz, Chairman of the Physics Department of New York University, was honored at a luncheon yesterday at the Hotel Plaza, as the first American recipient of a John F. Kennedy Fellowship at the Weizmann Institute of Science at Rehovoth, Israel.

Selected by an international committee of scientists, Dr. Borowitz, on sabbatical leave from New York University, will depart on August 8th for a year's stay at the Weizmann Institute. The award carries with it a stipend of \$10,000 and a traveling allowance of \$12,500 for family. He will work with Weizmann scientists in the Institute of Nuclear Research.

Tendered by the American Committee for the Weizmann Institute of Science, yesterday's luncheon was addressed by Dr. I. I. Rabi, Professor of Columbia University, 1944 Nobel Laureate in Physics. Meyer W. Weisgal, Chairman of the Executive Council of the Weizmann Institute presided; Dr. Rabi stated that work at the Weizmann Institute in the field of nuclear science is among the most advanced in the world.

Following the assassination of President Kennedy, the Weizmann Institute of Science in 1964 announced it would create a \$5,000,000 John F. Kennedy Memorial Foundation to provide 46 Fellowships at the Institute, one for each year of the late President's life. The fund includes \$1,000,000 from the Weizmann Institute of Science, with the balance representing gifts from the Government of Israel, from Israeli and American contributors.

### ST. LOUIS JEWS RAISE FUND TO BUILD HILLEL HOUSE FOR JEWISH STUDENTS

ST. LOUIS, July 28. (JTA) -- A major breakthrough in the plans for providing expanded Jewish educational and cultural facilities for the 1,600 Jewish college students in this area was hailed here by the Jewish community with the announcement that sufficient funds had been raised thus far to ensure the construction of a Hillel House, adjacent to the campus of Washington University.

A special campaign has been conducted in St. Louis for the raising of \$561,000, of which \$448,805 has been earmarked for the building and equipping of Hillel House. Rabbi Robert P. Jacobs, Hillel director here, said the construction of Hillel House was authorized when the campaign had reached an interim total of \$349,000.

Another major addition to the Jewish educational program here was seen in the fact that Washington University will open its first faculty of Judaic Studies here in September. Rabbi Steven S. Schwarzschild will head that chair at the university.

### BRAILLE INSTITUTE AIDS BLIND YOUTHS IN PREPARATION FOR BAR MITZVAH

NEW YORK, July 28. (JTA) -- To aid blind Jewish boys and girls in their preparation for Bar Mitzvah or Bat Mitzvah, the Jewish Braille Institute of America has published in Hebrew and English braille the 67 Maftirs used throughout the year according to the specific date of the individual Bar Mitzvah ceremony, it was announced here today. The Institute will send any blind child the particular braille Maftir required, free of charge.

Preparation of the necessary plates and the processing in quantities of these 67 braille Maftirs was made possible through a gift from the Women's branch of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America. The organization is one of the three major supporters of the Jewish Braille Institute, the others being the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods and the National Women's League of the United Synagogue of America. The master copy for each of the braille Maftirs was transcribed by Mrs. Irving A. Weingart of Des Moines, Iowa, one of the world's outstanding Hebrew brailists.