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### ARAB SUMMIT MEETING TODAY TO REVISE MILITARY PLANS AGAINST ISRAEL

LONDON, Sept. 12: (JTA) -- The heads of state of 13 Arab countries are scheduled to meet in Casablanca tomorrow to review military plans against Israel and other inter-Arab problems;

Lt. Gen. Ali Amer, Egyptian commander of the Arab unified command, will report to the conference on plans for Arab action if Israel moves its army against Arab projects to divert the Jordan River waters. Ahmed Shukaify, chairman of the "Palestine Liberation Organization," will ask for more funds for training and equipping the army.

### Congressman Calls for New U. S. Look at Arab-Israel Situation

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12: (JTA) -- Because of the escalation of armed clashes on the Arab-Israel borders, deteriorating American-Egyptian relations, and other factors, a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee today made known that he is seeking the convening of a meeting of the body's Subcommittee on the Near East. The announcement was made by Rep. Leonard Farbstein, New York Democrat, a member of the Subcommittee. He said: "It is time for the State Department to examine the desirability of orienting the United States policy away from Egypt."

### VATICAN COUNCIL TO MEET TOMORROW; ASSURANCE SEEN ON JEWISH ISSUE

ROME, Sept. 12: (JTA) -- Circles close to the Vatican said this weekend that it was "unthinkable" that the draft declaration on Catholic relations with the Jews, which was approved at the last session of the Ecumenical Council, would be profoundly modified before its submission to the next session of the Council, which opens Tuesday, it was reported here today by the Ansa Italian News Agency.

Commenting on recent reports that the Vatican had yielded to pressure by bishops in Arab countries, by profoundly altering and watering down the declaration exonerating the Jews of the charge of deicide, the Ansa dispatch recalled that, on more than one occasion, Augustin Cardinal Bea, president of the Secretariat for Christian Unity, which is the responsible Conciliar body for the declaration, had stated that no substantial changes had been introduced into the text.

The Vatican circles cited by the news agency reported, however, that, among the amendments which the Secretariat would submit to the Conciliar Fathers, would be one to substitute another word of phrase for the term "deicide" which was used in the version of the declaration overwhelmingly approved at last year's session of the Council.

This substitution, according to the news agency's sources, would not modify or distort the meaning of the original version. The agency noted that some bishops were determined to retain the terminology previously approved and that, therefore, any decision on this textual change would have to be by vote of the Council.

The Secretariat decided to submit this change to the Council in deference to suggestions made by some of the bishops who supported the declaration at the last session with reservations attached to their votes. Another reason for the substitution, the Vatican source stated, was to avoid "confusion and misunderstanding," particularly because of the "different interpretations given to the issue by Arabs and Jews."

Ansa also indicated that the declaration on relations with non-Christians, including the Jews, as well as the proposed declaration on religious freedom, may not be included in the Schema de Ecclesia (On the Church) or attached as an appendix to it as originally planned, but may be issued independently. The motivation for this was said to be the desire to underline more strongly the religious nature of the declaration on the Jews, and to rule out any possible politician interpretations.

### PRAVDA EDITORIAL ON ANTI-SEMITISM SEEN AS SIGN OF USSR SENSITIVITY

NEW YORK, Sept. 12: (JTA) -- The Communist Party of the Soviet Union is showing greater sensitivity to foreign criticism of the USSR's policy of denying full cultural and religious freedoms to Russia's 3,000,000 Jews than it has in decades, American experts on the situation of Soviet Jewry declared here today. They based their opinion on a

number of recent statements condemning anti-Semitism made by high authorities of the USSR. They cited especially a front-page editorial in Pravda, official organ of the Communist Party of the USSR, which became available in full translation to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency this weekend. The editorial specifically attributed to Lenin an outright denunciation of anti-Semitism;

Near the end of the long editorial, entitled "Leninist Friendship of Peoples," devoted in general to the theme that close ties among the "more than 100 nationalities and peoples" in the USSR are necessary for achievement of "the goal of building a Communist society," Pravda stated:

"V.I. Lenin, the great creator of the Communist Party, and founder of the Soviet State, bequeathed to our party the sacred observance of the friendship of the USSR peoples; He came down wrathfully upon any manifestation whatever of nationalism and, in particular, he demanded an untiring struggle against anti-Semitism; this disgusting blowing-up of the racial peculiarities and national hostility produced by the exploiter classes;"

#### Earlier Admission by Kosygin Noted; Editorial Seen as Communist Directive

Pravda's editorial, which appeared a week ago, was not the first recent occasion upon which highest Soviet authorities admitted the existence of anti-Semitism -- a fact always denied by the Kremlin -- it was pointed out here today. It was noted that, less than two months ago, such a concession was made by Alexei N. Kosygin, chairman of the Soviet Council of Ministers. In a speech in Riga, Mr. Kosygin had referred to "the remnants of anti-Semitism." Reported fully in Pravda on July 19, the Kosygin address, including his reference to Soviet anti-Semitism as a current phenomenon, has been reprinted widely in many of the Communist Party's regional and local newspapers around the USSR;

But even the Kosygin speech has not received the wide circulation inside the USSR given to the Pravda editorial. During the week that has passed since Pravda carried the editorial, the New York Times reported from Moscow yesterday, it was "being reprinted in provincial newspapers throughout the country." "Such a wide distribution," the Times stated, "presumably prompted by central directive, is ordinarily reserved for major pronouncements on ideological topics judged of particular importance by Soviet Leaders;"

The Pravda editorial, it was emphasized here today, not only admitted the existence of anti-Semitism in general, but touched obliquely on various specific phases of Soviet Jewish life that have been subjected to criticisms abroad. It referred to the need for "economic rapprochement" among the many ethnic groups in the Soviet Union, thus pointing to economic discriminations against Jewish and other minority groups in the USSR. It called for "mutual cultural ties among the peoples of the USSR," contending that such links "are growing stronger." The editorial was interpreted as referring to the situation of the Jewish minority among others in the Soviet Union by stating:

"The program of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union demands that we 'continue consistently applying the principles of internationalism in the field of national relations; strengthen the friendship of peoples as one of the most important gains of socialism; conduct an uncompromising struggle against manifestations and survivals of any kind of nationalism and chauvinism, against trends of national narrow-mindedness and exclusiveness.'"

"Any manifestations of national setting-apart are intolerable in the training and employment of personnel of various nationalities in the Soviet republics. Our Party, a Party of consistent internationalists, is guided unswervingly by the Leninist ideas of friendship of peoples. It is necessary to conduct the education of the working people even more energetically in the spirit of Socialist internationalism, equality and mutual respect. The Party organizations must demonstrate by concrete examples the great significance of the friendship of Soviet peoples and the development of their mutual aid;

"The task is to continue to follow a course of comprehensive development of the economy and culture of all Soviet nations, a course of their close cooperation under the banner of Leninist friendship of peoples," the editorial concluded.

#### Timing Seen Linked to Next Week's Opening of 'Eternal Light Vigil'

The timing of the Pravda editorial, coming on top of the recent Kosygin admission that "remnants" of anti-Semitism still exist in the USSR, was a subject of careful analysis here. There was a belief that these manifestations of official Soviet sensitivity to the criticism abroad may be tied to the fact that, a week from today, the most impressive American Jewish reaction to Soviet anti-Semitism ever undertaken in this country will be broadcast to the world from Washington, where many thousands of Jews will inaugurate a week-long Eternal Light Vigil on behalf of Soviet Jewry;

It was emphasized that the Voice of America has been broadcasting news about the forthcoming Vigil to listeners in the Soviet Union, leading to the belief that the USSR Communist Party was trying, through the Pravda editorial, to discount the Vigil's effects in ad-

vance among Soviet peoples; The real test of the Kremlin's intentions to reverse the course of Soviet anti-Semitism, however, must be judged by whatever concrete actions may follow in the near future regarding the situation of Soviet Jewry, experts here pointed out;

### THOUSANDS FROM 100 CITIES TO JOIN PROTEST ON SOVIET ANTI-SEMITISM

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12: (JTA) -- Thousands of Jewish lay and rabbinic leaders from more than 100 communities throughout the country will converge on Washington next Sunday, September 19, to launch a week-long National Eternal Light Vigil for Soviet Jewry. The program is sponsored by the American Jewish Conference on Soviet Jewry, consisting of 24 national Jewish religious, civic and Zionist organizations, representing the major portion of American Jewry.

The Conference was founded in April, 1964, at an emergency convocation in Washington. At that time the Jewish groups planned coordinated action to protest against the religious and cultural persecutions imposed upon 3,000,000 Jews in the Soviet Union; Jewish leaders said here today that the Washington Vigil was the first public action demonstration ever held in the nation's capital under the auspices of all of the Jewish bodies;

The Vigil program will launch a more direct involvement of national Catholic, Protestant, labor, business and other groups in dealing with the Soviet Jewish question; Many community leaders are coming to the Vigil with Catholic or Protestant laymen or clergymen as "interfaith teams;" Local mayors are appointing special delegations of citizens to demonstrate American solidarity in support of this problem;

Participants in the program will include: James Roosevelt, United States Representative on the United Nations Economic and Social Council; the Rev. John Cronin, of the National Catholic Welfare Conference; Bayard Rustin, Victor Reuther, Bishop John Wesley Lord (Methodist), Theodore Bikel; Chaim Grade, Yiddish writer; Michael Harrington; and Rabbi Seymour J. Cohen, of Chicago, chairman of the steering committee of the American Jewish Conference.

### Dramatic Ceremony Scheduled; Groups to Come by Train, Plane, Autos

Climax of the demonstration, to be held in LaFayette Park, will be a dramatic ceremony kindling the Eternal Light flame by a young boy and girl from Washington, to symbolize the future generation of Jews and the continuity of Jewish cultural and religious life in the USSR. The Eternal Light will remain standing in the park for the entire week, protected by an honor guard; On Friday, September 24, a religious ceremony will conclude the week-long Vigil. Then the Eternal Light will be sent to communities throughout the country for local protest meetings;

At the conclusion of the Washington ceremony, a Shofar will sound a "call to conscience;" Then the thousands of community representatives will be asked to proceed in a silent processional past the Soviet Embassy here. They will have to walk 500 feet opposite the Embassy, to comply with Washington demonstration regulations;

Rabbi Cohen said today: "We choose to hold this Vigil a week before the most sacred period in the Jewish calendar because, during the High Holy Days, Jews everywhere experience a heightened sense of spiritual re-awakening and continuity. The Vigil will be a sober and responsible ceremony reflecting our earnest desire for an abatement of cold war tension, and also our determined commitment to protest the policy of forced assimilation of Soviet Jewry."

A specially-chartered "Vigil train" will leave from New York's Pennsylvania Station on Sunday morning, September 19, making stops in Newark, Trenton, and Philadelphia. Jewish organizations have taken complete railroad cars for their constituents; A number of synagogues in the greater New York area are traveling down by car pools; Chicago, Cincinnati, Springfield, Mass. and Hartford have chartered planes; Philadelphia, Baltimore, Cleveland, Norfolk and Newport News, Va., New Haven, Bridgeport, Westchester and Long Island communities are chartering buses;

On Monday, September 20, about 250 invited representatives from the communities will meet at the State Department for a special briefing on the Soviet Jewish problem. Delegations will also visit with Congressmen and Senators to stress the need for continued United States government action through diplomatic channels, at the United Nations, and through personal contact with Soviet leaders;

### LENINGRAD-KIROV BALLET TO PERFORM THREE WEEKS IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Sept. 12: (JTA) -- The celebrated Leningrad-Kirov Ballet company arrived in Israel today for three weeks of performances with the Israel Philharmonic. The gala premiere, a full-length performance of Tchaikovsky's Swan Lake, will be held at the Mann Auditorium here tomorrow night;

GROUP CANCELS MEMORIAL PLANNED FOR RUSSIAN MEMBERS OF 'VLASOV ARMY'

NEWARK, N.J., Sept. 12: (JTA) -- The Jewish News of Newark reported today that Young Americans for Freedom has dropped plans to participate in a memorial service scheduled for September 19, honoring three Russian prisoners-of-war who committed suicide rather than to be returned to the Soviet Union for trial as war criminals.

John Kirwan, acting New Jersey chairman of the YAF, and John LaMothe, YAF regional representative in Philadelphia, told the English-Jewish weekly that the organization had been asked by a Russian exile group to take part in the memorial service. The three Russians had killed themselves in a P.O.W. stockade at Fort Dix, N.J., in 1945. The memorial service was scheduled for Finn's Point National Cemetery, in Fort Mott State Park, in New Jersey. Plans were made for participation of "American youth and patriotic organizations and representatives of peoples enslaved by Communism," according to an announcement.

The three Russians had volunteered for service with the German Army, and were captured while fighting against American troops in France. They were members of the anti-Communist army of Russian Gen. Andrey Vlasov, who fought on the German side in the war. His army was reported to have committed atrocities against Jews and members of anti-Nazi resistance movements. The U.S. Army agreed to hand them over to Soviet authorities.

The two YAF officials said that YAF agreed to join in the service without knowing that the three were "Axis soldiers, much less that they had been captured by American forces on the Western front in World War II." They added that, when YAF learned these facts, it officially withdrew from the plans.

The YAF is generally considered to consist mainly of young Republicans to the right of the official Young Republican Clubs. Kirwan and LaMothe described their organization as a "pro-capitalist, and anti-collectivist organization" of young people which "is completely opposed to fascism in all forms."

ISRAEL INDUSTRY IN UNPOPULATED AREAS TO BE SPURRED BY BOND DRIVE

NEW YORK, Sept. 12: (JTA) -- A development program to relocate Israel's industry as a spur to the settlement of its unpopulated areas will be considered at the national fall planning conference of the Israel Bond Organization which will meet in New York for three days beginning next Friday, it was announced today by Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, Israel Bonds vice-president.

The conference, which will mark the launching of the fall phase of the 1965 campaign for the sale of \$100,000,000 in Israel Third Development Bonds, will have as its principal speakers Haim J. Zadok, who holds the two portfolios of Commerce and Industry, and Development in the present Israel Cabinet; Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, New York Democrat; and Israel's Ambassador to Washington, Avraham Harman. The three-day conference will be attended by more than 500 Jewish leaders in the United States and Canada who are serving as members of the Israel Bond Organization's board of governors and as chairmen of its campaign in the leading communities throughout the country.

Discussing the importance of the conference, Dr. Schwartz declared that the proceeds from the sale of Israel Bonds were of decisive significance in financing the establishment of industrial centers in new development regions in order to promote the economic absorption of new immigrants and to stimulate the dispersal of its population away from the big cities and into the outlying, underdeveloped portions of the country. He said that the extension of Israel's economic frontiers into hitherto sparsely settled sections was one of the major problems confronting the people of Israel.

PROGRAMS AIDING IMMIGRATION TO ISRAEL URGED BY LABOR ZIONIST BODY

NEW YORK, Sept. 12: (JTA) -- The national council of the Labor Zionist Organization of America-Poale Zion adopted today an expanded program of community action, calling for the recruitment of more of its members for social action in the nation's Anti-Poverty program. The council also called for the development of a program of action in synagogues and community centers relating to immigration to Israel and increased activity among Jewish school groups.

The meeting of the LZO's national council followed a reception honoring 10 members of the organization who are leaving for permanent settlement in Israel, and 34 youths who left today to attend the 15th Habonim Youth Workshop in Israel.

Speakers at the meeting included Prof. Marie Syrkin of Brandeis University, member of the Jewish Agency executive; Haim Sanderson, representative of the El Al Israel National Airlines in the United States; and C. Bezalel Sherman, sociologist and author, who called for increased action and "meaningful demonstrations" concerning Soviet Jewry.