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### ISRAEL CABINET OPPOSES RESOLUTION ON ARAB REFUGEES PENDING AT U. N.

JERUSALEM, Dec. 13; (JTA) -- Israel's Cabinet today instructed its delegation to the United Nations to vote against a resolution to come up before the General Assembly this week, dealing with the Arab refugee situation, because the resolution refers to a 1948 Assembly measure interpreted as giving the refugees the right to "return" to Israel or to obtain compensation from Israel.

The decision to oppose the resolution was taken at yesterday's weekly Cabinet session and was officially announced today. The resolution was passed three weeks ago by the U. N. Assembly's Special Political Committee after it had been introduced by the United States and amended by a change presented by Pakistan and Somalia. It is to be put to the vote by a plenary session of the Assembly this week, probably Wednesday.

The original U. S. draft of the measure started by "recalling" a resolution adopted by the Assembly in 1948. The Arab states have contended repeatedly that the 1948 measure gives the refugees the "right to repatriation." Israel has always refused to concede that such a "right" exists.

### ISRAEL HALTS EXPORTS TO RUMANIA; SEEKS TO BALANCE CREDIT AGREEMENT

JERUSALEM, Dec. 13; (JTA) -- Israel today halted exports to Rumania when the amount of Rumania's credit greatly exceeded the amount of Israel's purchases from Rumania.

Under the trade agreement between the two countries, which is carried out on a clearing basis, there is a "credit swing" of \$1,250,000; Rumania had already purchased goods worth \$1,250,000 from Israel, but Israel has ordered only a small quantity of Rumanian goods. Rumanian importers have now ordered \$2,000,000 worth of more goods from Israel, mainly citrus, phosphates, pipes and plastics; However, Israel has ruled that those orders cannot be filled until Israel buys a sizable quantity of goods from Rumania.

Government statistics released here today showed that Israel's trade deficit -- the balance between imports and exports -- has gone down. The figures showed that, in the first 10 months of this year, the trade deficit had declined to \$321,000,000. The comparable figure for the period January-October in 1964 was \$381,000,000.

### Government Corporations in Israel Warned Against Raising Wages

TEL AVIV, Dec. 13; (JTA) -- Heads of Government corporations in Israel were on notice today they were not to approve any new wage demands before the Government determines an overall wage policy.

The warning was given by Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir, prior to his departure for a nine-day visit to the United States; He spoke at a meeting of board chairmen and managers of Government corporations here. The Finance Minister also declared the Government would not be intimidated by threats of wildcat strikes in support of wage demands.

He said that he would propose to the Cabinet that any manager who approved wage demands prematurely should be dismissed immediately. The meeting was called at the request of several managers who said they wanted Government backing in opposing "exorbitant" wage demands.

The Finance Minister said he "assumed" that workers in such corporations who have received pay increases averaging 25 percent during the past year would agree to forego further increases for at least another two years. He also said that wages of production workers would have to be linked to increased productivity and added that the formula would be determined in negotiations between employers and the Histadrut, Israel's labor federation.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Housing announced today that Israel will need 30,000 new housing units annually in the next few years to provide housing for new immigrants and shelter for the natural increase of its population; To provide this housing, the Ministry has taken the first steps toward attracting private housing developers to cooperate with the Government in an extensive building program in development areas.

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE DENOUNCES GERMANY'S DEFERMENT OF PAYMENTS

NEW YORK, Dec. 13; (JTA) -- The decision by West Germany to defer \$100,000,000 in indemnification payments to Nazi victims over the next two years was denounced today by the American Jewish Committee as putting "mere budgetary considerations above moral issues."

The measure to defer such payments, recommended by West German Finance Minister Rolf Dahlgruen because of "budgetary difficulties," was passed last Thursday in the Bundestag, the lower house of Parliament, on its third and final reading. It is now before the Bundesrat, or upper house.

In a statement issued by Dr. John Slawson, executive vice-president, the American Jewish Committee charged that the proposed deferment would violate "elementary justice" since many of the victims were destitute, widowed, and elderly. A postponement, Dr. Slawson continued, would cause "great hardship to many persons whose physical rehabilitation and retraining depend upon such indemnification," and could set a "dangerous precedent" that might bring on future deferments.

"In the eyes of the world," Dr. Slawson added, "any new obstacles to granting full material restitution to these persons will be interpreted as a callous disregard for the horrors stemming from the Nazi crimes and an attempt to circumvent a solemn agreement." The West Germans themselves, he pointed out, have said in the past that such action "could seriously undermine world confidence in Germany's struggle to create a knowledgeable and democratic citizenry."

(Organized Jewry in Sweden today protested to West Germany's Ambassador here against the Bonn Government's plans to defer indemnification payments due in 1966 to certain Jewish victims of Nazism. The protests were voiced in telegrams sent to the Bonn embassy today by the Jewish Community in Stockholm and the Swedish section of the World Jewish Congress.)

GERMAN DEFERMENT OF PAYMENTS TO NAZI VICTIMS RAISED IN COMMONS

LONDON, Dec. 13; (JTA) -- Sir Barnett Janner requested in Parliament today that the British Government urge the West German Government, "on humanitarian grounds," not to go through with its plans to defer 1966 payments to certain victims of Nazism, including about 150,000 Jews, due to budgetary curtailments.

George Thomson, Minister of State of the Foreign Office, told Sir Barnett that the Government has "the greatest sympathy" for the victims of Nazism who would have to wait longer to receive their indemnification, but declared that the matter was one that should be left to the German Government.

In his intervention, Sir Barnett -- who is also chairman of the foreign affairs committee of the Board of Deputies of British Jews -- said it was "wrong" that "people on the verge of death, in many cases, some very old people and others who have been waiting for 20 years to obtain compensation" should be affected by budget curtailment. He asked Mr. Thomson if the Foreign Office would stress to the German Government the fact that "there are a large number of people, here and elsewhere, who are deeply disturbed by the proposed action" of the German Government on this issue.

Another member of the House, Anthony Kershaw, a Conservative, also asked Mr. Thomson to make such presentations to Bonn. Mr. Thomson told the House that he had expressed his feelings on the matter. He added that the British Government would, as always, take into account "the obvious feelings expressed here today," and said that he had no doubt that "the concern expressed on both sides of the House" would be widely reported.

GESTAPO OFFICER, CHARGED WITH KILLING 56,000 JEWS, ARRESTED IN GERMANY

DUSSELDORF, Dec. 13; (JTA) -- A former SS colonel found working under an assumed name was under arrest today on charges of suspicion of responsibility in the deaths of 56,000 Polish and German Jews and an undetermined number of Polish slave laborers.

The State Criminal Office said Herbert Weygandt, 59, who was also a Gestapo officer during the war, was spotted in Wuppertal working as a salesman under the name of Heinrich Walter. He has been hiding under an alias for more than 20 years.

JUSTICE FORTAS SAYS NEGROES REPLACING JEWS IN FIGHT FOR HUMANITY

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 13; (JTA) -- Justice Abe Fortas of the United States Supreme Court today told an audience celebrating the 80th anniversary of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America that the Negroes have replaced the Jews as the "shock troops in the war for humanity and human values." He said that Negroes rather than Jews today represent the advance guard of the struggle for social justice in America.

JEWISH COMMUNITIES WARN ON CHANUKAH AND CHRISTMAS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

NEW YORK, Dec. 13, (JTA) -- Jewish communities throughout the United States began preparations today to deal with the frequently abrasive problem of Yule and Chanukah observances in the nation's public schools. Chanukah begins this year on December 18.

The standard position, enunciated several years ago by the National Community Relations Advisory Council, is that all religious observances, whether Christian or Jewish and whether done separately or jointly, violate the constitutional principle of church-state separation. In recognition of the fact that majority opinion is often publicly hostile to attempts to bar Christian observances, local Jewish Community Relations Councils began issuing statements urging parents not to take individual action in such situations without prior consultation with the JCRC.

A typical statement was issued by the JCRC of Minnesota which reiterated the position that all such observances in public schools violated the church-state principle and then suggested guidelines in cases where Christian religious holiday observances are held in public schools. In such situations, the JCRC declared, Jewish children have a right to refrain from participation: "We recommend that the local Jewish communities take such action as may be appropriate to safeguard this right of non-participation," the statement stressed.

The statement then warned that "uncoordinated complaints or representations, whether by parents or school children or by others, may hinder rather than help toward favorable resolutions." Accordingly, the JCRC urged that no action should be taken by Jewish parents, or organizations "without consultation in advance with the Minnesota Rabbinical Association" or the JCRC.

Washington Jewish Council Alerts Parents and Students

The Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington issued a policy statement in which public school students and their parents were alerted that: 1. They need not and should not participate in religious observances of any kind, whether Christian or Jewish, in the guise of celebrations and school exercises; 2. That they should not involve themselves in controversy without first consulting the office of the Jewish Community Council for guidance.

The Jewish Community Relations Council of Camden similarly urged local Jewish parents, groups and leaders to consult first with the JCRC on such problems. The JCRC said that "since this is a very sensitive public relations area, experience has demonstrated" that such problems should be handled through the JCRC. The statement noted that while the issue had not been significant in the Camden area in recent years, "questions do come up about either a program planned in an individual classroom or on a school-wide basis with respect to the religious or sectarian influences in that program which may be inconsistent with the concept of separation of church and state."

The JCRC disclosed that it had held talks with school officials in Camden County and that it felt that "school superintendents and principals are well aware of the laws and directives governing religious practices in the school system." The community relations agency said that in recent years there had been less need to point out to school authorities the desirability of refraining from "emotionally-charged" religious content in school programs usually held in connection with the Yule holiday.

Los Angeles 600 Public Schools Receive Official Instructions

Action on the problem from school authorities was reported in Los Angeles, where School Superintendent J. P. Crowther issued the school district's annual bulletin on observances. The bulletin was sent to administrators of the district's 600 schools and to heads of all school administrative and business offices.

The theme of the annual bulletin was that the development of holiday programs at each school should be left to the discretion of the individual principal "who best knows the local community." The bulletin, first issued seven years ago, was prepared by a committee of school and community leaders representing all major faiths.

Apparently bypassing the constitutional issue, the bulletin declared that "to preserve the spirit of goodwill that is characteristic of the Christmas season, administrators should make every effort to plan and conduct Christmas observances in a manner that will reflect respect for the religious sensibilities of all students and members of the staff."

The bulletin asserted that "some religious holidays have become part of our American culture. In recognizing these holidays, the school should be sensitive to its obligation to support and protect the religious development of every student in its charge, in

whatever religious tradition he and his family embrace." The bulletin then noted that "much of our finest music is of a religious nature and, as such, may be used in connection with school programs." However, the bulletin added, "highly sectarian scenes and tableaux in classrooms and assembly halls should be avoided."

#### Buenos Aires Jewish Leaders Report on Jewish Life in Argentina

NEW YORK, Dec. 13: (JTA) -- A review of the situation of Argentinian Jewry was given here by two Buenos Aires Jewish leaders at a dinner in their honor tendered by the American Section of the World Jewish Congress. The two leaders, Gregorio Fainguersch, president of the Buenos Aires Jewish Community and of the Argentinian Federation of Jewish Communities, and Gregorio Faigon, vice-president of the DAIA, the central representative body of Argentinian Jewry, are visiting New York for conferences with major Jewish organizations.

The two Jewish leaders discussed the impact of Argentinian government action in curtailing anti-Semitic activities and surveyed some of the major issues confronting the Jewish community in its efforts to strengthen Jewish life throughout Argentina. Mr. Faigon reported that while the government and people of Argentina were not anti-Semitic, there were three sources of anti-Jewish manifestations in the country: "imported" Nazis, reactionary church elements, and hostile Arab League representatives.

Governmental action against local Nazi elements and in barring an inflammatory Arab League envoy had made an improvement in the situation; Mr. Faigon said. He noted that Nazi publications were being circulated in Argentina and throughout Latin America and said that anti-Semitism continued to exist. It was essential that public opinion should be aware of this, he stated.

Mr. Fainguersch depicted the areas of activity of the Buenos Aires Jewish Community Council and said that there had been a marked development in the extension of the Jewish day-school system in the Argentinian capital. However he noted a dearth of rabbis and teachers for community institutions and schools and he hoped that rabbinical authorities would take heed of the situation. The community was very concerned with the situation of the Jewish student body in Argentina and was doing its utmost to provide a Jewish atmosphere and organizational structure for the community's youth, he reported.

#### Max Silverman Elected First Jewish Mayor of City in Ontario

SUDBURY, Ont., Dec. 13: (JTA) -- Max Silverman, 67, a businessman who is active in Jewish affairs, has been elected the first Jewish mayor of this Ontario city by a huge margin. Sudbury is composed of a mixed population of Anglo-Saxon, French-Canadian and Central European origins.

Mr. Silverman, whose parents settled in Canada in the 1870's, coming from Russia, is active in the fur business and mining but best known for his lifelong participation in hockey. He has been in the sport for almost 40 years and has managed Sudbury hockey teams to world titles.

#### New Jersey Rabbinical Council Parley Condemns Interdating as 'Sinful'

LONG BRANCH, N.J., Dec. 13: (JTA) -- The Rabbinical Council of New Jersey this weekend condemned as "sinful" the practice of interdating between Jews and non-Jews. In a resolution adopted at the Council's annual conference here, the Orthodox rabbis, from 25 communities in the state, said that "the road that ultimately leads to intermarriage begins with interdating; Jewish parents cannot abandon their responsibility in this matter."

Rabbi Leon Katz, of Passaic, president of the Council, said that the current emphasis on cultural exchange and communal affiliations does not contradict the prohibition against interdating. He said the resolution would be forwarded to the Synagogue Council of America.

#### Jewish Youth and Community Center Dedicated in Paris; Serves Refugees

PARIS, Dec. 13: (JTA) -- Mercaz de Montmartre, a remodeled Jewish youth and community center serving mainly the families of Jewish refugees from Algeria, Tunisia and Morocco, was dedicated here yesterday with ceremonies attended by French Jewish leaders and representatives of the refugee groups. The center has been remodeled at a cost of \$65,000 contributed by the Central British Fund, the Joint Distribution Committee, the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany and the Fonds Social Juif Unifié. The British group had given \$30,000 of the total.

Included in the renovated center are a Jewish school with a capacity of 200 students, a synagogue, library, club and music rooms, a kosher kitchen and sports facilities. The center is in an area where many Jewish refugees from North Africa live in extremely crowded quarters.