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## JERUSALEM STRESSES IMPORTANCE OF U. S. STAND ON ARMS SALE TO ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Feb. 8: (JTA) -- The State Department weekend disclosure that the United States has sold a number of Patton tanks to Israel led Israeli sources here today to comment that while the security aspect of the transaction was its most important aspect, it also had considerable political importance.

These sources said that the State Department stand that the transaction was meant to prevent an arms imbalance in the Middle East reaffirmed United States recognition of the need for Israel to maintain a reasonable military strength as a deterrent to aggression.

At the same time, these sources noted that the State Department had indicated that the decision to provide the tanks was made several months ago, meaning that it was prompted by the imbalance that already then existed. Since then, it was noted, Egypt had received additional weapons and other Arab countries had received arms commitments from the United States and Britain which had increased the imbalance considerably.

(In Washington, Rep. Leonard Farbstein, New York Democratic member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, today commended the State Department for publicly announcing the sale of tanks and other military equipment to Israel. He said that he learned of the transactions some time ago and insisted that the news be released by the State Department because Arab intelligence was already aware of the deal and that announcement would serve notice on the Arab public that the United States "intends to maintain the arms balance in the area.")

## HADASSAH CONVENTION URGES U. S. TO CONTINUE DIRECT ARMS AID TO ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Feb. 8: (JTA) -- A resolution urging the United States "to continue to ensure Israel's defensive and deterrent strength through direct arms aid" and at the same time, to encourage Arab leaders "to engage in negotiations leading to a peaceful settlement with Israel," was adopted today at Hadassah's annual mid-winter conference now taking place here.

"Peace is the only long-range alternative to the futile and explosive policy being pursued by the Arab states in the Near East," the resolution said. It welcomed the announcement that the U. S. Government is "not indifferent to the destabilization" in the Near East "resulting from Egypt's massive purchases of Soviet arms."

"The fact that the United States has been selling various items of military equipment to the Government of Israel to help it meet its defensive and internal security requirements serves notice to all concerned that the United States commitment to Israel's security and territorial integrity will be backed up by measures necessary to assure it," the resolution continued:

Declaring that "the Arab states constantly declare their intention to destroy Israel," the resolution said: "The Soviet Government is a major supplier of arms to Egypt, whose military establishment is rapidly becoming modern and efficient. Israel is the major target of Egypt's military ambitions; Israel has no choice. It must prevent aggression by maintaining sufficient military strength to discourage it and to defend itself if attacked. No one wants an arms race in the Near East or any other region. But massive shipments of sophisticated weapons to Egypt keep on creating new arms imbalances which must be continuously rectified."

In another resolution dealing with the problems of Soviet Jewry, Hadassah called upon the U. S. Government "to exert maximum influence within the United Nations and through diplomatic channels to convince the Soviet Government that discriminatory policies against its Jewish nationals constitute a violation of elementary human rights which are a common concern of free men and free nations."

Specifically, Hadassah urged that the Soviet Government be called upon "to accord its Jewish racial and ethnic group the same rights and privileges accorded to all other national and ethnic groups within the USSR. This means permitting its Jewish citizens free to carry on their own cultural and religious life and to transmit it to their children; giving the Jewish community in the USSR the same opportunities to maintain association with their fellow Jews abroad as are permitted other nationalities and ethnic groups." The resolution also urged that permission be granted "to the thousands of Jewish families in the USSR, separated from their relatives by the Nazi holocaust, to rejoin surviving members of their families abroad if they so choose."

FOREIGN MINISTER EBAN MEETS IN STATE DEPARTMENT ON PROBLEMS OF ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- Israel Foreign Minister Abba Eban today met with Under Secretary of State George W. Ball and discussed with him the present problems of Israel in general terms. He may meet tomorrow with Secretary of State Dean Rusk, but State Department sources indicated today that developments involving Viet Nam may necessitate cancellation of that appointment. Yesterday, the State Department tendered a luncheon in honor of Mr. Eban;

Meanwhile Vice-President Hubert H. Humphrey today canceled a meeting scheduled for tomorrow with Mr. Eban because President Johnson decided that he should leave at once for a visit to South Viet Nam and other Southeastern Asian nations. Administration sources said that the crisis in Southeast Asia eclipsed the Near Eastern situation and that Mr. Eban is being received in Washington against that background. Highly-placed State Department sources said that the Near East is relatively stable and that Israel has no reason for anxiety about any immediate Arab threats;

GOLDA MEIR CALLS UPON ISRAELIS TO SACRIFICE FOR THE COMMON GOOD

TEL AVIV, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- Mrs. Golda Meir, the new secretary general of Premier Levi Eshkol's Mapai Party, said yesterday that, as the nation's largest party, Mapai must demand sacrifices from the people.

"Mapai must stop being nice, and have the courage to insist that individuals and groups accept sacrifices for the common good," Mrs. Meir declared. She made the comments during a visit to Mapai headquarters where her predecessor, Reuven Barkat, introduced her to the department heads. She also reiterated her belief that the current alignment between Mapai and Achdut Avoda would lead to an eventual merger of the two parties.

GERMAN FIRM REFUSING REPARATIONS TO NAZI VICTIMS HAS NO U. S. CONTRACT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- The U. S. Defense Department advised Sen. Jacob K. Javits, New York Republican, today that it had not signed any contract with the Rheinmetal Arms Company of West Germany, a firm which has refused even token compensation to World War II slave laborers.

Replying to a request for information on the matter from Sen. Javits, the Defense Department said that the matter of such a contract was still being reviewed by the research and development ordnance experts of the department. Sen. Javits made his inquiry after reports that a multi-million dollar arms order was to be awarded to the West German firm. He said he had decided to look into the issue after questions about the reported transaction were raised by the B'nai B'rith Organization and Mayor John V. Ryan, Jr. of Springfield.

In another development in the matter, Rep. Leonard Farbstein, New York Democrat, said he would introduce legislation in the House to prevent the Government from making such a contract with the West German firm. Declaring that he would seek to amend the annual military appropriation bill to block any such contract, he noted that the company was still directed by former Nazi Party members.

He said he would call for immediate consideration of the amendment by the Appropriations Committee so that it could be included in the first money bill to be approved by the House this year. He added he would call for a floor vote on such an amendment if it was not included in the forthcoming appropriation measure.

GREAT GRANDDAUGHTER OF HEINRICH HEINE SEEKS CONVERSION TO JUDAISM

TEL AVIV, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- The great granddaughter of Heinrich Heine arrived in Israel some time ago and has asked the Tel Aviv rabbinate to be converted to Judaism, the newspaper Yediot Achronot reported today.

The rabbinate refused to reveal the name of the girl, who is 21 and lives with her parents in West Germany. She told the rabbis that she has wanted to become Jewish since she was 16 when she saw a film about the Nazi slaughter of European Jewry. She said that she then learned that her famous great grandfather was born Jewish.

The secretary of the Tel Aviv Rabbinical Court said that the girl gave an impression of "a serious personality" and that he had recommended prompt consideration of her request.

ISRAEL OFFERS MOSCOW EXPORT-IMPORT FILM RIGHTS ON RECIPROCITY BASIS

TEL AVIV, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- Israel is ready to give the Soviet Union the right of unlimited export of Soviet films to Israel if the Soviet Union will permit the import of Israeli films, the Foreign Ministry informed the Soviet Embassy here today.

In a note in which the offer was made, Israel said the proposal was in line with its desire to expand cultural relations with the Soviet Union. Israel has granted such rights to the United States and other western countries.

NEGRO LEADER SAYS NAZIS DID NOT KILL ENOUGH JEWS; JEWISH CONGRESS ACTS

NEW YORK, Feb. 8: (JTA) -- The executive director of the American Jewish Congress resigned today from the national advisory board of the Congress of Racial Equality in protest against the "tepid and ambiguous response by CORE to a vicious anti-Semitic outburst" by a CORE official in Mount Vernon, N. Y., last week.

Will Maslow, a member of the CORE board for the past five years, said in a letter to James Farmer, national director of CORE:

"I cannot continue an association with a group whose moral fibre is so flabby as to respond in an equivocal manner to the horrifying and racist public statement" made by Clifford A. Brown, education chairman of CORE in Mount Vernon.

Last Thursday evening, at a meeting of the Mount Vernon, N. Y. Board of Education, Mr. Brown, a Negro, reportedly told an audience of 100, including a number of Jews, that "Hitler made one mistake when he didn't kill enough of you." Yesterday a CORE spokesman disavowed Mr. Brown's statement and ordered an investigation to determine the "context" in which Mr. Brown made the remark.

In his letter of resignation, Mr. Maslow said the CORE official should have been "immediately suspended." He added: "Can you conceive of any context that would make Mr. Brown's outrageous statement permissible? Can you conceive of any situation that would justify the kind of tirade that calls for more acts of genocide?"

The CORE statement Monday said that the "delaying tactics" of the Mount Vernon school board in ending de facto segregation in the city's schools were "also intolerable." Mr. Maslow commented on this statement in his letter by asking: "Does CORE feel that it must palliate Mr. Brown's remarks in some way by equating what he said with what the school board did or failed to do? Or does it believe that insults worthy of a Nazi are the fit coinage of debate over social issues?"

Mr. Maslow, a lawyer, was named executive director of the American Jewish Congress in 1960, following 15 years as director of its Commission on Law and Social Action. During World War II, he served as director of field operations for President Roosevelt's Committee on Fair Employment Practices. He said that his resignation from the CORE National Advisory Board "does not mean that I will in any way lessen my efforts in the struggle against racism to which I have devoted a good part of the last 20 years."

F. B. I. to Get Report on Anti-Semitic Outburst of CORE Official

MOUNT VERNON, N. Y., Feb. 8. (JTA) -- A full report on an anti-Semitic outburst by a Mount Vernon official of the Congress of Racial Equality was ordered filed today with the Westchester district attorney and the Federal Bureau of Investigation by Mayor Joseph Vaccarella.

The Mayor also announced that neither he nor any other Mount Vernon official or agency would have anything to do with CORE while Brown remained in the organization. Mr. Brown, a Westchester County probation officer, later "apologized," saying his remarks were "cruel and excessive" and made "at an emotional moment."

CORE Announces Resignation of Negro Official; Probe Ordered

NEW YORK, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- The resignation from the Congress of Racial Equality of Clifford A. Brown, of Mount Vernon, N. Y., who last week made a public, anti-Semitic statement, saying that Hitler had not killed enough Jews, was announced here today by James Farmer, national director of CORE. Mr. Brown, a Negro, had been chairman of the education committee of the Mt. Vernon, N. Y., chapter of CORE.

Mr. Farmer announced at the same time that he has ordered Herbert Callender, CORE director of organization, in charge of all CORE chapters, "to investigate this entire matter and to report back to me personally and promptly."

TRIAL OF SUSPECTS IN ARSON AGAINST SYNAGOGUES STARTED IN LONDON

LONDON, Feb. 8: (JTA) -- The trial of three men charged with arson against two London synagogues heard a prosecution statement today that after firemen put out one of the fires, police found anti-Semitic slogans on the back wall of the synagogue.

The slogans were "Heil Hitler" and "We Shall Free Britain from Jewish Rule," the prosecutor said in Central Criminal Court. The defendants are Hugh Hughes, 27, Malcolm Sparks, 19, and Alex Gordon, 23. They pleaded not guilty to two charges of maliciously setting fire to the Ilford District Synagogue and the Leabridge Road Synagogue last July 31.

Three other suspects arrested in the arson efforts have pleaded guilty. Sentence on Paul Dukes, 19, Graham Chant, 18 and Colin Rainburd, 20, has been postponed until the close of the trial.

AMERICA-ISRAEL CULTURAL HOUSE OPENED IN NEW YORK; CEREMONIES HELD

NEW YORK, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- With dignified ceremonies, the America-Israel Culture House, new headquarters of the America-Israel Cultural Foundation, was officially opened here today. The cultural center, located on a site near Rockefeller Center, and not far from the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, is in an old but newly-renovated mansion built at the turn of the century and designed by one of America's foremost architects of that era, Stanford White.

Against a background of Israeli melodies sung by a choir of 30 costumed children from the Brandeis School, Lawrence, L.I., Israel's Supreme Court Justice Moshe Landau marked the official opening of the Culture House by affixing a mezuzah at the front entrance; Justice Landau is chairman of the America-Israel Cultural Foundation's advisory board in Israel. Presiding over the ceremonies was Isaac Stern, the noted violinist, who heads the Foundation. Other major participants included William Mazer, chairman of the Foundation's board of directors; Raphael Recanati, chairman of the executive committee; Mrs. Isaac Stern, chairman of the membership committee; and Dr. Frederick R. Lachman, executive vice-president.

The Center contains displays of Israeli paintings and other Israeli arts and crafts which were declared by prominent critics present as outstanding works. The Cultural House was also decorated for the opening with traditional symbols related to Tu B'Shvat, the Jewish "Arbor Day," which was celebrated this week. The Center, according to Mr. Stern, will form a cultural bridge between Israel and the U. S. embracing all the arts.

ONTARIO URGES FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO OUTLAW HATE LITERATURE

TORONTO, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- The Ontario Legislature today approved unanimously proposals urging the federal government to declare hate-mongering activities as criminal and to outlaw hate literature and incitements to violence against ethnic, racial and religious groups in Canada. The resolutions, offered by Liberal Vernon Singer and Progressive-Conservative Edward Dunlop, were voted on together as a private member's bill.

During the debate, Attorney General Arthur Wishart disclosed that the Province of Ontario urged the Federal Government in July 1964 to amend the Criminal Code. The proposal of the Province was for an amendment similar in language to one proposed by the Canadian Jewish Congress, he said. He added that the Province's representations were made at a time when his department was constantly receiving requests from persons and groups for action against hate-mongers.

Premier Roberts said he had allowed the vote on the private member's bill to permit the House to express its opposition to hate-mongering for the record. Alan Grossman, Minister of Reform Institutions, told the legislators that he had received hate literature which he called "the vilest type of stuff that could be conceived by the human mind." He proposed mental examinations for persons advocating genocide.

CANADIAN GOVT. STUDIES RATIFICATION OF PACT AGAINST DISCRIMINATION

MONTREAL, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- Paul Martin, Secretary of State for External Affairs, in reply to a Canadian Jewish Congress letter in which speedy ratification by Canada of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination was urged, advised that officials of his Department have begun to study the question of signature and ratification by Canada.

"I can assure you that the important views of the Canadian Jewish Congress will be kept in mind," Secretary Martin wrote. He referred to the interview a Congress delegation, led by Saul Hayes, had with him in Ottawa on January 11.

"As I said on January 11 to the delegation from the Canadian Jewish Congress, the Canadian Government strongly supported the adoption of this Convention by the United Nations and regards it as a very important document requiring serious study by the Government," the communication stated. "During our discussion on January 11, I mentioned that there might have to be consultation with provincial governments on the matter of implementation of certain parts of the Convention."

The Minister then referred to the statement made by the Canadian delegate in the Third Committee of the General Assembly on December 15 when the Canadian delegation voted in favor of the adoption of the Convention and emphasized that "we regard this document as another of the great pioneering instruments by means of which the United Nations is laying the ground rules for civilized life on an ever widening scale. We hope that it will attract wide support, and that it will enjoy a long, useful life."

AMERICAN NAZI PARTY OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- The U. S. Internal Revenue Service today announced that office equipment seized by tax agents from the American Nazi Party would be sold at public auction on Feb. 18. However, swastika armbands, pictures of Adolf Hitler, and other Nazi paraphernalia have been returned to Nazi leader George Rockwell because of protests against sale of such items.