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### CREDIT COOPERATIVES IN ARGENTINE STOP PAYMENTS; JEWISH FIRMS AFFECTED

BUENOS AIRES, July 12. (JTA) -- No withdrawals of funds could be made today from most of the credit cooperatives which are a major factor in Jewish commercial life here, as a result of the order issued last weekend by the newly established government of President Onganía empowering the Argentine Central Bank, highest financial authority, to exercise control over all credit cooperatives and, in certain circumstances, even to close them.

The correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency sought to cash personal checks in at least three cooperatives but was told by the cashiers that "until further orders" no payments would be made. Instructions to this effect, they said, were issued by the Central Bank. This will affect many small Jewish business enterprises which depend largely on the Jewish-established credit cooperatives. These cooperatives are also providing financial support for the Jewish school system in Argentina which may suffer if the activities of the cooperatives are paralyzed.

(In Washington, Senator J. William Fulbright, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee said today that the fact that the Argentine Central Bank had taken control of the credit cooperatives was "a major blow to the development of a middle-class in Argentina and eventually to a democratic system." The senator said that "in view of this development" the U.S. Government should "go very slowly in extending financial assistance to this new dictatorship." He did not mention that many of these cooperatives had originally been established by Jewish farmers in Argentina some 70 years ago and that they constitute the financial basis for Jewish middle class business concerns.)

Patricio Errecalde Pueriedon, secretary of the anti-Semitic nationalist Tacuara movement, which was banned under the prior Illia Government, was received yesterday by the new regime's Interior Minister, Enrique Martinez Paz. After the meeting, the extremist leader declared that "the national revolution has begun founded on the debris of the liberal system" and declared that this organization was firmly supporting the new Government's decision to ban all political parties. The Tacuara group, he said, supports without reserve the patriotic movement presided over by Gen. Onganía."

### WORLD CONFERENCE OF JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS DECIDES NOT TO USE VETO RULE

GENEVA, July 12. (JTA) -- A plenary meeting of the World Conference of Jewish Organizations (COJO) acted today to strengthen its structure and extend its role as a worldwide consultative body by dropping a proposed veto rule.

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, who was reelected chairman of COJO, and Dr. William A. Wexler, president of B'nai B'rith, both COJO affiliates, spoke for closer coordination among Jewish groups on international matters. Other delegations joined in adopting a set of "basic principles" to enable COJO to engage in more functional activities without impairing the autonomy of the ten constituent organizations.

The veto proposal, which would have required unanimity among the ten constituents for COJO to act on any substantive matter, was abandoned in a proposal made by Dr. Wexler, as chairman of a committee drafting bylaws for COJO, in favor of a policy requiring "a substantive majority." Under the proposed rule, any dissenting constituent would be free to dissociate itself publicly from any majority decision.

Dr. Wexler said that the "voluntarism" which unites COJO members should dispose of any fear that a constituent would surrender in any fundamental way its sovereignty or freedom to act. He said each group had much to gain and to give in the coordinative aspects of COJO.

Rabbi Jay Kaufman, executive vice-president of B'nai B'rith, proposed that COJO explore ways to establish a "single and central voice to present the Jewish viewpoint in Jewish-Catholic relations." He said this would be an effective way to "clarify what Jews believe in those areas where the Catholic Church sought such expression."

Other speakers at the plenary, which ended today, were Dr. Yaacov Herzog, political advisor to Israeli Premier Levi Eshkol, who reviewed the situation of Israel and the Middle East, Dr. Gerhard Riegner of the World Jewish Congress, who reported

on developments stemming from the Ecumenical Council declaration on Jews, Philip Baum of the American Jewish Congress, and Dr. Maurice Perlzweig of the World Jewish Congress, who discussed developments in United Nations Human Rights conventions.

#### HEBREW U. STUDENTS PROPOSE ESTABLISHMENT OF ARAB-JEWISH CENTER

JERUSALEM, July 12. (JTA) -- A group of Hebrew University students proposed today establishment of an Arab-Jewish academic center on Mount Scopus to deal with problems of the Middle East.

They suggested that lectures be given by Arab and Israeli experts in Arab and Hebrew on issues affecting the two sides. The students said they intended to bring their proposal to the attention of world student organizations and to former President Harry S. Truman's personal representative, David Noyes, who attended the groundbreaking ceremony yesterday for the Truman Center for the Advancement of Peace at the University.

Mount Scopus is an Israeli enclave in Jerusalem under control of the Jordan Government. Israel regularly sends a convoy to the abandoned Hadassah hospital and Hebrew University on Mount Scopus, under the Israel-Jordan armistice agreement.

#### REPRESENTATIVE OF PALESTINE REFUGEES CLAIMS MISSING \$69,000 IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, July 12. (JTA) -- The Waldorf-Astoria Hotel filed a motion in New York State Supreme Court yesterday for dismissal of a suit by a representative of Palestine Arab refugees who claimed that he had been unable to recover \$69,000 of \$70,000 he left in a safe in the hotel five years ago.

According to the legal papers, a man identified as Twafiq Said Touquan, purportedly representative of a "Palestine-Jordanian refugee organization," checked in at the hotel on Christmas Eve, 1960 and deposited the \$70,000 in the hotel safe deposit box. In accordance with hotel procedures, he was given one key to the box and the hotel retained another. Both keys are needed to open such boxes.

In the first week in January, according to the suit by Touquan, he withdrew \$1,000. On January 18, he claimed, he sought to withdraw the balance and was told by the hotel that someone else had opened the box and taken the \$69,000. Hotel officials said that the hotel assumed that if another individual had a key, it was as if he had been given it properly by the original recipient. Touquan filed his summons for complaint for recovery of the \$69,000 in January 1961. According to the hotel, he has taken no action since.

A hotel spokesman said today that the statute of limitations for such suits had expired in the Touquan case and the hotel wanted the case removed from the law books. John Morris, attorney for the hotel, filed the motion to dismiss the suit. The motion was set for a hearing on July 26.

#### 30 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS TO BE HELD IN ISRAEL; ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE

TEL AVIV, July 12. (JTA) -- Government sources said today that 30 international conventions have been scheduled in Israel next year and that most convention planners have made detailed arrangements for the conclaves. The figure on scheduled conventions was revealed by Tourism Minister Moshe Kol.

One thousand dentists from 37 countries are attending the 54th annual convention of the International Dental Federation which opened here yesterday. In his opening speech, Prof. P.O. Federsen, president, called on them "to work together to create a world of mutual understanding for the benefit of all mankind. Israeli Health Minister Israel Barzilai and Minister Kol addressed the opening session.

A group of 160 leading American Jewish educators arrived here today for an annual conference of the National Council for Jewish Education, the first to be held in Israel. The educators will hold a dialogue with some 40 Israeli counterparts and will visit Israeli educational institutions during their stay. The conference will close Saturday night at the Hebrew University.

#### JEWS IN GERMANY PROTEST TO CHANCELLOR ON ARSON ATTACK IN BERLIN

BOCCN, July 12. (JTA) -- The Central Council of Jews in Germany urged the federal government today, in a letter to Chancellor Ludwig Erhard, to act to halt rightwing radical propaganda. The letter denounced the arson attack last week on the building of the Jewish Community Center in West Berlin and warned of the dangers that could come from such propaganda.

"We are of the opinion that the federal government should take measures to prevent this," the letter stated. Hans Galinski, chairman of the West Berlin Jewish Community, returned from a vacation to Berlin to look into the arson attack and trade unions in West Berlin joined in condemning the incident. The building was not seriously damaged.

CANADIAN PREMIER ASSURES JEWS ON PROPOSALS TO CURB HATE PROPAGANDA

MONTREAL, July 12. (JTA) -- Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson has assured Canadian Jewish leaders that his Government was given active consideration to proposals for federal legislation to curb the dissemination of hate materials in Canada.

The information was contained in a communication from the Prime Minister to the Joint Community Relations Council of the Canadian Jewish Congress and B'nai B'rith. Mr. Pearson acknowledged a request from the JCRC to introduce such legislation without delay.

The Prime Minister praised "the extremely valuable contribution" made by the Jewish organization "to solve this difficult problem." He also referred to a report by a federal Special Committee on Hate Propaganda, named by the Department of Justice, recommending legislation to ban and punish advocacy of genocide and incitement to hatred of groups "which is likely to cause a breach of the peace as well as group defamation."

The Prime Minister said his Government was consulting "others who also have a direct interest in the matter" and he added that the Justice Ministry was "actively considering all aspects of the question." He also declared that "we are proceeding as expeditiously as is possible under the circumstances."

Conventions of two major organizations have recently adopted resolutions urging the federal government to enact such legislation promptly. The Canadian Federation of University Women passed such a resolution at its annual conference in Halifax. Mrs. M.W. Menzies of Winnipeg told the delegates that individual citizens within minority groups "have a right to protection of the law for their security." Canadian delegates to a District Six B'nai B'rith convention in Winnipeg also urged adoption of such legislation.

GOVERNMENT ACTION AGAINST NAZI-STYLE PROPAGANDA ASKED IN COMMONS

LONDON, July 12. (JTA) -- A war crimes expert who is a Member of Parliament asked in the House of Commons for Government action against the "Greater Britain Movement" which distributes a Nazi-style program through a private club arrangement.

Lord Russell of Liverpool asked whether criminal proceedings could be brought against the movement, which he said could best be described as the Nazi party of Britain, under the Race Relations Act of 1965. A Government spokesman replied that the movement's literature was not distributed to the public at large and that therefore its sponsors probably could not be prosecuted under that law.

Lord Liverpool conceded that to obtain a copy of the Nazi movement's program, a prospective purchaser must become a member of the "Viking Book Club," sign an enrollment form and pay a small fee.

Lord Stonham, Home Office Undersecretary, agreed that "the program of these people is 'Mein Kampf' unadulterated. It is all there -- everything but the gas chambers and Bergen-Belsen," one of the Nazi death camps. He added that "it would certainly not be safe for the leaders of the Greater Britain movement to assume that, even if the distribution of its pernicious material is confined to members of the Viking Book Club, this necessarily means there is no infringement" of the Race Relations Act.

He added, however, that "there is no evidence that the material has been disseminated to the public at large, and this is an important point as the law now stands." He told the House that "the active membership of the movement does not exceed 30 persons, 30 intellectual illiterates with an inferiority complex."

GROUP OF U.S. CHRISTIAN CLERGYMEN AND EDUCATORS LEAVE FOR ISRAEL

NEW YORK, July 12. (JTA) -- The fifth annual study tour to Israel sponsored by the America-Israel Cultural Foundation's Inter-University Committee on Israel, departed today. The group, consisting of 41 educators and Christian clergymen, was addressed by Consul Basil Herman representing the Consulate of Israel in New York and by the Rev. Karl Baehr, director of the study tour program. Dr. Frederick R. Lachman, vice president of the AICF, greeted the group on behalf of the Foundation.

Consul Herman challenged the participants to dig deep into both historic and contemporary Israel in search of those insights, both spiritual and material, which can point the way to the solution of the pressing problems facing the family of man today. The Rev. Karl Baehr reminded the participants that the tour represented a "people-to-people" type of program and offered them an opportunity to study at close range the locus of their spiritual and democratic heritage. It would also, he noted, provide them with a vivid example of the power of a vital democratic society to rebuild the lives of exploited and persecuted people and to make wasted lands fruitful.

The study program consists of an intensive tour of the Land of Israel, from Dan to Eilat, and a full week Seminar at The Hebrew University.

\$300,000,000 WORTH OF MATURED ISRAEL BONDS REPORTED REDEEMED

JERUSALEM, July 12. (JTA) -- Israel has already redeemed \$300,000,000 worth of matured Israel Bonds, Israeli Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir declared yesterday. He spoke at a meeting of regional directors of the Israel Bond organization and the Development Fund of the United States.

Citing current figures on bond sales, the Finance Minister expressed the hope that this year's bond sales would top the \$100,000,000 mark.

MEXICO AND ISRAEL SIGN AGREEMENT PROVIDING FOR TECHNICAL COOPERATION

MEXICO CITY, July 12. (JTA) -- An agreement providing for technical and scientific cooperation between Israel and Mexico was signed here today by Mexican Foreign Minister Antonio Carrillo Flores and Israel Ambassador Shimshon Arad.

The agreement provides for cooperation between the two countries in the fields of agriculture, irrigation, the use of atomic energy for peaceful purposes and other areas. The pact also provides for an exchange of students, technicians and scientists between the two countries.

FRENCH FIRM STARTS CONSTRUCTION OF CABLE BETWEEN FRANCE AND ISRAEL

PARIS, July 12. (JTA) -- The Lyon Cables Society announced that it had ordered construction of a cable between France and Israel which is scheduled to be in operation in two years. It will be Israel's only operating cable connection with other countries.

The contract is valued at 80,000,000 francs (\$16,000,000) and the cable will have the same specifications as the one now connecting France and the United States, the company said. The Western Electric Company of New York has already contracted for 25 percent of the cable's facilities and Post and Telegraph companies of West Germany, Switzerland and Holland have started negotiations for use of the projected cable.

AMERICAN ISRAEL CORPORATION RAISES INTEREST PAYMENT ON DEBENTURES

NEW YORK, July 12. (JTA) -- The interest payable on the Series "L" debentures of AMPAL-American Israel Corporation has been raised to 6 percent from 5 1/2 percent, it has been announced by the company.

The Series "L" debentures of AMPAL, henceforth to be known as the Ten-Y-6-6 1/2% Sinking Fund Debentures, 1975, will pay the new interest rate of 6 percent for the period ending June 30, 1973. Interest at the rate of 5 1/2 percent will be paid for the two remaining years, to 1975. Abraham Dickstein, president of AMPAL, attributed the action to the increase in prevailing interest rates on corporate obligations in the United States.

GUIDO JARACH ELECTED PRESIDENT OF MILAN JEWISH COMMUNITY

MILAN, July 12. (JTA) -- Guido Jarach was elected today president of the Milan Jewish community, succeeding Astorre Mayer, a leading Italian Jew, who resigned the post because of his preoccupation with international Jewish affairs.

The new president, who is 61, is a noted engineer, industrialist and Milan business president. Mr. Mayer said after the elections that Milan Jewish communal affairs were passing into very experienced hands.

RABBI HECHT REELECTED PRESIDENT OF RABBINICAL ALLIANCE OF AMERICA

WOODBIDGE, N.Y., July 12. (JTA) -- Rabbi Abraham B. Hecht was reelected president of the Rabbinical Alliance of America at the annual convention here of the Orthodox rabbinical group. Other officers elected at the conclave included Rabbi M. Galinsky, Rabbi Irving Singer and Rabbi B. Weinberger, all of New York City, and Rabbi Jerome Kerzner of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and Rabbi Z. Rappaport of Kingston, N.Y., all vice presidents.

ARGENTINE JEWS TO BUILD CENTER IN ISRAEL NAMED FOR YIDDISH POET

BUENOS AIRES, July 12. (JTA) -- A center for Yiddish writers in Israel to be named for the late Yiddish poet H. Leivick, will be built in Tel Aviv with funds contributed by Argentine Jews, it was announced here today. Some 200 contributions have already been received by the Beit H. Leivick Building Committee here which is headed by Abraham Zak.

WARSAW CITY COUNCIL TRANSFERS SUPERVISION OF SHRINE TO JEWS

LONDON, July 12. (JTA) -- The Warsaw City Council has decided to hand over the supervision of the Jewish Social and Cultural Association, Mila 18, the site of the house where the staff of the Jewish fighting organization conducted its operations during the battle of the Warsaw Ghetto, it was reported here today from the Polish capital.