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### ISRAEL EMPHATICALLY DENIES PRAVDA CHARGE IT PLANS TO INVADE SYRIA

JERUSALEM, Oct. 5, (JTA) -- A charge by Pravda, the official Soviet Government newspaper, that Israel was planning to invade Syria and overthrow its government evoked an emphatic rebuff today from Israel. A Foreign Ministry spokesman described the charge as "completely groundless."

The development occurred against a background of Syrian forecasts of imminent hostilities with Israel which surprised Israeli officials. They were equally amazed by Syrian statements that such a conflict would spread to other Arab states.

While Middle East experts here viewed Syria's armed forces as of high quality for this part of the world, they also agreed that a Syrian attack on Israel would mean war under, taken in the face of Egyptian displeasure. Egypt, with 50,000 troops tied down in the Yemen civil war, has made it plain it does not want a military showdown with Israel until, as President Nasser has repeatedly said, he feels victory is assured.

### Jordanian Premier Threatens to Use Force Against Syria

LONDON, Oct. 5, (JTA) -- The Premier of Jordan, Wasfi Tell, has threatened that Jordan would use force against Syria if the Damascus regime tried to isolate Jordan by closing the Syrian-Jordan frontier, it was reported here today from Amman.

The Premier, in what was considered the strongest statement to date on the worsening state of Jordanian relations with Syria and Egypt, told the correspondent of the London Daily Telegraph: "If Syria closes the frontier, we will if necessary open it up with our armor." He also said such military operation would be a "cup of coffee" for Jordanian tanks.

He hinted that Jordan also was prepared to react strongly if Egypt tried to get back into Syria, with which the Nasser regime was formerly joined in the United Arab Republic. Jordanian sources indicated the Government was concerned over intelligence reports that Syria was falling increasingly into Soviet clutches and those of the Syrian Communist Party. The Premier said that there were growing signs that Soviet experts were attached to Syrian armed forces.

### BRITISH MINISTER PLEDGES PRIMACY OF LONDON FRIENDSHIP TO ISRAEL

LONDON, Oct. 5, (JTA) -- Edward Short, the British Postmaster General, told a British Labor Zionist conference in Brighton last night that, while Prime Minister Harold Wilson's Labor Government had every intention of maintaining friendly relations with the Arab countries, this would never be at the expense of Israel.

Calling Israel "indestructible," he said the Jewish State was "a lesson in democratic socialism." The meeting was held in connection with the Labor Party's conference at which it was disclosed that a 33-member Labor Party study mission was leaving for Israel Monday. Harry Nicholas, assistant general secretary of the Transport and General Workers Union, Britain's largest trade union, will be a member of the mission. He lauded the achievements of Israel.

A resolution calling on the Government to strengthen British anti-discrimination laws, for more effective protection of the rights of Jews and Negroes, was placed on the agenda of the Labor Party conference here today.

The resolution, which will be submitted for conference action Friday, congratulates the Government for passage of the Race Relations Act but adds that the British labor movement remains disturbed about continuing discriminatory practices in various fields, and about manifestations of anti-Semitism and prejudice against non-whites in Britain. The resolution will be moved by Lord Lee, and seconded by Sidney Goldberg, delegate from the British Labor Zionist Party.

The draft resolution holds that the British Labor movement is particularly disturbed by incitement to hatred contained in neo-Nazi publications, and calls for legislation to make all types of material tending to incite religious or racial hatred an offense punishable under the Race Relations Law.

UJA GROUP SEES DEMOCRACY GROWING IN GERMANY, SYMPATHY FOR ISRAEL

WEST BERLIN, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- A 20-man United Jewish Appeal delegation completed today an eight-day study of conditions in Germany in the first visit ever made to Germany by a UJA group.

The mission said it believed that a "democratic seed" had been planted and was growing in West Germany, and that the well-being of the 30,000 Jews now resident there would be served. It also agreed that the West German Government had no intention of forgetting the Nazi atrocities against European Jewry, and that the German Jewish communities had a right to live in Germany and should be considered part of world Jewry. The mission reported it had found among both the Government and the German Jewish communities a great interest and sympathy for Israel and for practical work on behalf of Israel.

The mission members offered those impressions for American Jewry as they departed for Geneva to rejoin the other members of the current UJA mission. They had met with key officials of the federal and state governments, and with mayors of Bonn, Dusseldorf, Hamburg and other cities. They had also visited both East and West Berlin and the site of the Bergen-Belsen death camp.

They said that some of the officials told them that feelings of guilt and shame still prevailed over the Nazi mass murders and, at the same time, appealed for Jewish understanding of the efforts which the government was making to educate Germans for democracy. Mission members said they were shown school texts in which Nazi atrocities against European Jewry were described in words and pictures of the Hitler period, and in which specific reference was made to the Nazi slaughter of 6,000,000 Jews.

In a related development, Dr. Nahum Goldmann disclosed that West Berlin's Mayor Willy Brandt told him yesterday he was willing to make available for use as a Jewish-sponsored center for the study of Nazism the building where the Nazis plotted the mass murder of European Jewry. Dr. Goldmann came here to discuss the project, for which a private founding committee was set up last month. The building is a villa in Wannsee, a West Berlin suburb, where SS Gen. Reinhard Heydrich and SS Col Adolf Eichmann met with other Nazis in 1942, and laid plans to kill all 11,000,000 European Jews.

The center would study and collect data not only on the Nazi handling of Jews but also on all aspects of the Nazi ideology and history, Dr. Goldmann said. He added that the center will be financed through funds from individual donors and foundations.

ISRAELI GROUP OF FORMER PARTISANS WARNS ON RESURGENT NEO-NAZISM

TEL AVIV, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- The Israeli Organization of Partisans and Fighters Against the Nazis issued a statement here today warning of the need for vigilance against a resurgence of neo-Nazism, following release of two of the major Nazi war criminals from Spandau Prison in West Berlin. Baldur Von Schirach, leader of the Nazi Youth movement, and Albert Speer, Hitler's Minister for Armaments, were released last Friday after completing 20-year terms for their Nazi careers.

The partisans group noted that a wave of sympathy had been expressed for the two freed Nazis, and warned that many former Nazi leaders still are unpunished for their part in the slaughter of European Jewry. The group also urged the West German Government to exert maximum efforts to find and bring to trial "thousands" of Nazi war criminals still escaping arrest and trial.

(In London, the British Broadcasting Company said today it had abandoned a plan to present a televised interview with Baldur Von Schirach. The BBC said it had dropped the idea when it became apparent that the former Nazi wanted to be paid "large sums" for the interview. It was also known that a large number of protests from both Jews and non-Jews had been sent to the BBC over the proposed interview.)

ISRAEL READY FOR JOYOUS CELEBRATIONS, TORAH DANCES IN THE STREETS

JERUSALEM, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- Preparations for the observance of Simhat Torah in Israel tonight were in full swing today.

The main streets of Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa, and other cities and towns were colorfully decorated as religious Jews prepared for the customary dancing in the streets while bearing Torah scrolls.

Synagogues had busily acquired quantities of sweets for distribution to children. Blackrobed Hassidim and skull-capped members of religious youth organizations prepared for their traditional dances in the main thoroughfares, while holding Torah scrolls and singing in unison.

In many collective settlements, usually considered non-religious, preparations also were under way for Simhat Torah observances and services.

(While Orthodox and Conservative Jews elsewhere throughout the world celebrate Shmini Atzeret tonight and tomorrow, and Simhat Torah tomorrow night and Friday, Jews in Israel celebrate both holidays tonight and tomorrow only.)

HIAS TOLD IT WILL NEED \$2,300,000 IN 1967 TO AID 8,200 JEWISH REFUGEES

GENEVA, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- The United Hias Service will require a total of \$2,300,000 for its programs of refugee migration assistance in 1967, it was announced here today by Harry M. Friedman, assistant secretary and controller of Hias. Addressing the concluding session of a two-day Hias meeting here, Mr. Friedman said that 8,200 Jewish refugees will receive assistance in their resettlement next year.

In another address at the meeting, Marcus Maus, a leader of Mexican Jewry, described the assistance given by his community to hundreds of Cuban Jewish refugees who had found asylum in Mexico and who were assisted with their welfare needs during their processing for resettlement in the United States and other countries, under the auspices of Hias. Dr. Joseph Kage, national executive vice-president of the Jewish Immigrant Aid Society of Canada, confirmed the continued strong interest of the Canadian Jewish community in receiving migrants and refugees from Europe and Africa.

Referring to the experience in immigration to the United States under the new American legislation passed late in 1965, Gaynor Jacobson, executive director of Hias, and chairman of the meeting, pointed out that the United States continued to be the main area of resettlement served by the agency. He expressed disappointment that the hoped for results were not quite achieved in 1966, mainly due to restrictions requiring labor certifications for various categories of immigrants. He said he expected, however, that recent modifications of some of these provisions would bring about an increase in such movements in the period ahead.

Warren A. Pinegar, deputy director of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, and James L. Carlin, head of the Geneva office of refugee and migration affairs of the U.S. State Department, addressed the meeting. Also participating in the sessions were Henry Levy, European director of Hias; Victor Girmoundsky, director general of the Jewish Colonization Association, of London; Eran Laor, European treasurer of the Jewish Agency for Israel; Gerhart Riegner, of the World Jewish Congress; Herbert Katzki, deputy director general of the American Joint Distribution Committee; Michael Potulicki, secretary general of the International Council of Voluntary Agencies; and David Albertstein of the World Ort Union.

AUSTRIAN CHANCELLOR SAYS GOVERNMENT FIGHTS AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM

VIENNA, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- Josef Klaus, the Austrian Chancellor told Philip Hoffman, chairman of the board of governors of the American Jewish Committee, here today that his Government fought every form of anti-Semitism in Austria, open or hidden. Mr. Hoffman is now on a tour of Europe to evaluate the effects of the Second Vatican Council on Christian-Jewish relations.

The Chancellor told the American Jewish leader that neo-Nazis in Austria were an infinitely small minority who posed no danger to democracy. Mr. Hoffman also met with Cardinal Koenig, who described the progress in revision of education textbooks in Austrian church schools to expunge erroneous attitudes toward Jews, as required by decisions of the Ecumenical Council.

B'NAI B'RITH REGIONAL CARIBBEAN CONFERENCE HELD IN DUTCH ANTILLES

WILLEMSTAD, Netherlands Antilles, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- B'nai B'rith's annual regional conference for the Caribbean area has been held in Curacao. One of the main projects of the conference was the creation of a district grand lodge to include Mexico through Central America with all of the islands in the Caribbean area. Previously, one grand lodge existed and encompassed Latin America as well.

Nicholas Debrot, governor of the Netherlands Antilles, welcomed the 20 delegates. They were led by Moises Mizrachi, president of the Caribbean Regional Council of B'nai B'rith.

JOHNSON SENDS CONDOLENCES TO FAMILY OF LATE DR. VERA WEIZMANN

REHOVOT, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- President Johnson sent a cable of condolences to Benjamin Weizmann on the death of his mother, Dr. Vera Weizmann, who was buried here last week by the side of her famous husband, Dr. Chaim Weizmann, first President of Israel. She had died in London, aged 87.

HARRY SIMONHOFF, ATTORNEY, JEWISH HISTORIAN, DIES IN MIAMI AT 75

MIAMI, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- Harry Simonhoff, lawyer, writer and community leader, known for his works on American Jewish history, died here yesterday after a brief illness. He was 75.

Born in Georgia, Mr. Simonhoff showed an early interest in politics and was elected a member of the South Carolina legislature. He later moved to Miami where he practiced law and became active in Miami Jewish life, particularly in the Zionist movement. He wrote a number of books on early American Jewish history. He was a frequent contributor to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

DRAFT CHANGE IN CHICAGO CITY LAWS WOULD BAR SWASTIKAS, KLAN ROBES

CHICAGO, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- City code amendments introduced today in the Chicago City Council which would make it unlawful to display the swastika, robes, uniforms and symbols of the Nazis and the Ku Klux Klan, and would specifically prohibit the distribution of hate literature directed against race or religion. The amendments, which were introduced by Alderman Jack Sperling, would spell out prohibitions against racial or anti-religious incitements and apply them to the Nazis and the Ku Klux Klan. The City Ordinance already generally bars provocative acts and displays.

Voicing support for the proposed amendments, the Chicago Sentinel, an Anglo-Jewish weekly, in an editorial by editor-publisher J.I. Fishbein, said that "when the Nazis and Klansmen preach their philosophy of hatred, violence and genocide, it is inevitable that people are going to resort to violence to protect themselves against the possible repetition of the most barbarous acts in history."

N.Y. STATE BODY DEBATES AID TO PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS, INCLUDING JEWISH

BUFFALO, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- Sharply divergent views over state financial aid to religious schools emerged here today at a hearing conducted by the New York State Commission preparing for the State's Constitutional Convention next April. The split developed over the proposal to repeal the prohibition in the State Constitution against such aid to religious-sponsored schools, which, if adopted, would benefit the more than 150 Hebrew day schools in the state as well as the extensive Catholic parochial school system.

At issue is a provision in the Constitution, drafted in 1894, that bars the use of state money "directly or indirectly" to aid schools administered or controlled by religious organizations. J. Eugene McMahon, treasurer of the Catholic Charities of Buffalo, said he hoped that the Convention would "cut through shibboleths of separation and frozen doctrinaire positions on church and state to see and acknowledge the child who is to be served and educated." Calling for the retention of the prohibition, the Rev. Arthur W. Mielke, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Buffalo, said that the principle of separation of church and state was being "threatened by the Roman Catholic Church."

N.J. COURT RULES NON-JEWS MAY ADOPT JEWISH CHILDREN IN SOME CASES

TRENTON, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- Couples adopting children through the State of New Jersey are no longer required to give their religious affiliation, nor will a recommendation by a religious leader be required. The new ruling follows a settlement of a court dispute here in a case involving a couple who challenged the requirements on the grounds that the State Constitution guarantees the free exercise of religion. The ruling was accepted by the State Superior Court Appellate Division.

Under the new ruling, Jewish couples will be permitted to adopt, through the State, non-Jewish children while non-Jewish couples will be permitted to adopt Jewish children under certain circumstances. The ruling will not affect adoptions through private agencies, which still require a religious statement. State law still requires that adopted children be placed with families of the same religious affiliation wherever practicable.

'THE INVESTIGATION,' PLAY BASED ON AUSCHWITZ TRIAL, OPENS IN N.Y.

NEW YORK, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- "The Investigation," a three-act play based on the verbatim transcripts of the 18-month long German trial of leading Nazis at the Auschwitz concentration camp, had its premiere here last night at The Ambassador Theater, and attracted wide attention among New York critics and audiences as an outstanding theatrical event. The drama was written by Peter Weiss, a half-Jew born in Berlin, now a Swedish citizen, who in the last two years has been praised here and in Europe as one of the outstanding playwrights of the day.

Mr. Weiss attended many sessions of the proceedings in a court at Frankfurt which lasted from January, 1964 to August, 1965, and resulted in the conviction of 20 Nazi defendants, six of them receiving life-term prison sentences and 10 of them being sent to jail for six years each. They had been convicted of participation in the murder of 4,000,000 men, women and children at Auschwitz -- the vast majority of the victims being Jews.

On a stage set only with witness-box type chairs -- with the judge, the prosecutor and defense counsel facing them from the theater's orchestra pit -- 13 Nazis were lined up, two others who represented Nazi Germany's largest industries which employed slave laborers, and five witnesses, all evidently Jewish.

In scene after scene, the horrors of Auschwitz, the scientific death machinery developed there and at the companion camp of Birkenau with its gas chambers, and the cynicism of the Nazis, are developed factually and, most of the time, without undue emotional emphasis. Simply, the Auschwitz story is told, with what New York's critics called great impact. The word "Jew" is not mentioned once, Mr. Weiss contending that all humanity had suffered at and through Auschwitz -- all Germans, the defendants, the victims and millions throughout the world who had permitted the Nazi genocide to happen.