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### U.S. STARTING TALKS ON ATOMIC REACTOR FOR DESALINATION IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Dec. 15, (JTA) -- Talks on means of building a proposed \$200 million atomic reactor to produce electricity for desalinating seawater will begin here Saturday evening between Ambassador Ellsworth Bunker, President Johnson's personal advisor on the project, and his opposite Israeli number, Brig. Efraim Benartzi. Premier Levi Eshkol is expected to take an active part in the talks.

United States assistance in building the experimental nuclear plant was proposed by President Johnson two years ago but implementation has lagged for a variety of reasons. Israel accepted the plan in principle but has hesitated over the interest costs of United States aid. Israeli officials want credit terms low enough to make the desalting of water inexpensive enough for profitable use in farm irrigation. Sources here said this meant a credit cost of about two percent.

Israel will need water from such a plant in about six or seven years, giving that much time for the possibility of development of other resources. One such possibility was considered to be large scale experiments in desalting now underway in California which holds promise. Some experts here were reported as believing that the whole idea may be solved in much less expensive ways and this was reported to be a factor in Israel's hesitation in proceeding with the joint United States-Israel project.

### U.N. BODY ADOPTS RESOLUTION ON PEACE-KEEPING MACHINERY; 80 ABSTAIN

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Dec. 15, (JTA) -- A resolution on the United Nations peace-keeping machinery -- not entirely acceptable to Israel -- was adopted here yesterday by a slim margin in the General Assembly's Special Political Committee. It will have tough sledding when it reaches a plenary session of the Assembly, and may be defeated, it was predicted here today.

The committee yesterday concluded weeks of debate on peace-keeping operations by adopting a number of resolutions. One of the drafts had been introduced by Jamaica and linked peace-keeping operations with law enforcement. Under such a procedure, a peace-keeping force could be introduced in a manner which would be objectionable to Israel, which jealously guards its sovereignty.

When the draft came to a ballot, it passed in the 122-member committee by a vote of 20 in favor, five against and 80 abstentions. Israel was among the abstainers. It was freely predicted here today that, when the committee's action as proposed by Jamaica comes before an Assembly plenary session, many of the abstainers would vote against it, thus wiping out the narrow vote by which the committee adopted it.

### INTENSIFIED PLOTTING AGAINST KING HUSSEIN BY ARAB RULERS SEEN IN LONDON

LONDON, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- Experts on Arab affairs said here today that, despite efforts at unity at the Arab Defense Council, the three "revolutionary" states -- Egypt, Syria and Iraq -- have decided to push a coordinated campaign against King Hussein's regime in Jordan.

According to the experts, the three Arab countries are seeking to use the Defense Council itself as an instrument to force King Hussein to accept units of their troops. The king has agreed to accept troops from Saudi Arabia but attached conditions considered as practically nullifying the proposal.

The three countries also plan to continue to send El Fatah guerrillas from Syria to Jordan and then into Israel to keep Jordanian-Israeli border tensions at a peak, the experts asserted.

EX-HEAD OF ISRAEL'S SECRET SERVICE CRITICIZED FOR REVELATIONS

TEL AVIV, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- Isser Harel, who served for many years as the anonymous head of Israel's secret service and who recently resigned as Premier Levi Eshkol's security problems adviser, was under sharp criticism here today for a series of speeches disclosing details of government affairs which many Israelis feel should not be publicized.

Harel resigned from the Secret Service in a dispute with then Premier David Ben-Gurion over security policies but remained out of the limelight until Premier Eshkol appointed him as an adviser. Many observers believe Harel's addresses were an effort to prove that Premier Eshkol also had adopted wrong security policies.

Party leaders were trying to play down the whole affair while asking Harel to discontinue his "revelations" which they said were in bad taste. There were reports that he might be asked to appear before a tribunal or Parliamentary commission so that he could make a statement in proper fashion.

THREE GROUPS IN BELGIUM URGE BONN GOVERNMENT TO COMBAT NEO-NAZISM

BRUSSELS, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- Three Belgian organizations comprised of various anti-Nazi, resistance and war veterans' groups denounced sharply here today the resurgence of neo-Nazism in West Germany, and called on the Bonn Government to outlaw the right-wing National Democratic Party which has recently won large votes in the state parliamentary elections of the provinces of Hesse and Bavaria.

The Belgian Committee Against Statutes of Limitations for Nazi Crimes, comprised of 22 non-Jewish and Jewish organizations, adopted a resolution urging Bonn to take "appropriate steps" to ban the NDP, to assure Germany and the rest of the world that former Nazis will be excluded from all administrative posts, and to make sure that no statutes of limitations are permitted for the apprehension and prosecution of persons accused of war crimes.

The Comité d'Action de la Résistance, which is scheduled to hold a session here Sunday, disseminated a resolution to be presented to the meeting, urging that "everybody must remain vigilant" against resurgent neo-Nazism in West Germany. The draft appeals particularly to the Bonn Government and the German people "to combat by all means, including existing legal provisions, the revival of the Nazi Party."

An extraordinary session today of the National Federation of War Veterans and the Armed Jewish Resistance of Belgium took similar action. The resolution not only warned against neo-Nazism in Germany but also charged that "no measures" have been taken by Germany to prevent the revival of Nazism.

C.O.J.O. LEADERS MEET IN LONDON; APPROVE ABOLISHMENT OF VETO

LONDON, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- A meeting of the officers of the Conference of Jewish Organizations (COJO) ended today with approval of the new COJO constitution abolishing the veto formerly held by each of the ten participant groups.

The announcement of the decision was made by Dr. William Wexler, COJO co-chairman and president of the B'nai B'rith. He also reported that the officers decided to hold the next session of COJO in Geneva next July. He said he expected the July meeting to take another forward step by establishing cooperation for a better interchange of data and other material, and for more effective activity generally. Dr. Nahum Goldmann presided.

CATHOLICS AND JEWS FORM BODY IN NEW YORK FOR BETTER UNDERSTANDING

NEW YORK, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- Formation of a Catholic-Jewish Relations Committee for two New York boroughs containing 1,600,000 Catholics and 1,200,000 Jews, was announced today by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and the Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn.

Co-chairman for the new committee are Msgr. Vincent O. Geneva, a member of the Diocesan Ecumenical Commission, and Rabbi Israel Mowshowitz, chairman of the ADL Interreligious Cooperation Committee. The new unit, comprised of 24 clergymen, educators, lawyers and jurists of Brooklyn and Queens, will seek better understanding between Catholics and Jews.

Msgr. Geneva said that "accurate knowledge of one another is the first step toward mutual understanding." Rabbi Mowshowitz said the new group would avoid "the old type of inter-faith meetings." An ADL spokesman said that one meeting of the committee was already held and that another would be held in about a month to lay the foundations for a series of "dialogues" and later specific interfaith projects.

CANADIAN ROYAL COMMISSION ON EDUCATION GETS JEWISH PROPOSALS

MONTREAL, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- The Royal Commission of Inquiry into Education in Quebec has received a series of proposals from the Canadian Jewish Congress covering proposed changes affecting the education of Jewish children in the province.

One of the proposals was a request that Jewish day schools be recognized for grants on the pre-school and elementary level and that recommendations of the Royal Commission on recognition of private schools should be extended to provide for such support for schools which comply with the proposed regulations for all schools in the province.

Another welcomed the proposal that the public education system in Quebec respect differences in the religious options of parents and pupils by offering a choice of Catholic, Protestant and non-confessional education, to the degree that proposed standards for quality in education can be satisfied in each choice.

The Congress proposed that exemption from religious instruction and exercises in confessional schools should be automatic, without requiring written requests from parents, as is now required. Quebec schools are operated under direction of Christian-controlled boards.

Want Biblical Literature Taught in Schools Not as Dogma

The Congress brief also asked that Biblical literature in such schools be taught not as religious dogma, and that there be provision for legal absence on religious holidays for children and teachers.

The Congress supported a recommendation that confessional elementary schools which accept pupils not belonging to the faith with which the schools are associated, offer such pupils appropriate religious or moral instruction and that, on the secondary level, such schools take advantage of the variety of elective courses to offer such pupils religious or moral instruction with tutors chosen for that purpose.

The Congress also said it supported the recommendation that the present system of confessional commissions be replaced by a threefold administrative structure comprising school committees, regional commissions and a Council of School Development. The Congress asked that, before a unified administrative structure for the schools was implemented, interim measures should be taken to do away with the legal disabilities of Jewish parents and taxpayers.

The Congress endorsed recommendations of the Royal Commission that the school system in Quebec provide a choice between French and English language instruction on all three levels -- Catholic, Protestant and non-confessional -- of the proposed revised school structure. The Congress also urged a reexamination of the whole system of language teaching, to assure that every graduate of every school be bilingual.

DROP IN JEWISH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN IN CANADA REPORTED

MONTREAL, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- Two studies dealing with the Jewish school-age child population in Canada and with the Jewish aged in the metropolitan census area of Montreal and environs were made public here today by the Canadian Jewish Congress. Both studies, based on official, Dominion-wide census data of 1961, were made by Louis Rosenberg, CJC research director.

In the school-age Jewish child area, the figures showed that there are in Canada, this year, an estimated 34,780 children, aged 5-12, on the elementary school level, and 35,490 Jewish teenagers. The 1966 figures in this study were projected from the official 1961 census data.

The data showed that there was a 12.7 percent drop in 1966 in the Jewish elementary school age population as compared with 1961, and an increase of 31.6 percent in the Jewish teenage population in 1966 as compared with the figures of five years ago.

The study also showed that, in 1961, 94.7 percent of Canada's total Jewish population lived in 17 metropolitan census areas and the city of Regina. The 1961 Jewish population ranged from 128 in metropolitan St. John's, Newfoundland, to 102,724 in metropolitan Montreal.

The study on the aged is intended to furnish social welfare agencies here, and others interested in the welfare of the Jewish population 65 years old and over, with comparative statistical information, including the number of aged, marital status of Jews over 60, and sex distribution. The CJC noted that a special cross-classification was made necessary because the statistics of Jews by ethnic origin in Canada differed from the figures of Jews by religion in 1961. The figures showed that there were 8,209 Jews in metropolitan Montreal in 1961 who were 65 years of age and over, of whom 3,862 were

men and 4,347 were women, forming 8 percent of the total Jewish population of all ages in that area. Of the 8,209 Jews who were 65 years of age and over, 3,173 were in the 65 to 69 bracket and 5,036 were 70 years of age or over.

In addition to the 8,209 Jews in Metropolitan Montreal who were 65 years of age and over in 1961 there were 4,587 Jews who were 60 years of age or older, but had not yet reached their 65th birthday, so that the total Jewish population of metropolitan Montreal 60 years of age or over numbered 12,796, of whom 6,162 were men, and 6,634 were women, forming 12.5 percent of the total Jewish population of all ages. Among the total population of all origins, those who were 60 years of age and over comprised 9.8 percent of the population in metropolitan Montreal.

The study indicated that in the city of Montreal there were 9,883 Jews 60 years of age and over in 1961, of whom 3,948 were 70 years of age and over. In Outremont there were 1,351 Jews 60 years of age and over, of whom 555 were 70 years of age and over. Next in number of Jews 60 years of age and over were Westmount with 407, Cote St. Luc with 307 and St. Laurent with 271. In every area of metropolitan Montreal and in every age group over 59, the number of women exceeded the number of men among the Jewish population.

#### SHARP RISE OF JEWISH POPULATION REPORTED IN BERGEN COUNTY, N.J.

ENGLEWOOD, N.J., Dec. 15. (JTA) -- The Jewish population of Bergen County, N.J., which has been estimated as having grown by 12,000 from 1964 to 1965, may pass 100,000 by 1970, it was indicated here today.

The 12,000 increase in itself was seen as very significant, showing a growth of about 17-1/2 percent in one year. However, according to figures made public here by the Bergen County Planning Commission, the entire county's population is expected to reach 1,000,000 by 1970. Based on the current proportions, it was noted, that would mean a Jewish population of over 100,000 four years from now.

The increases in population here, general as well as Jewish, have been attributed largely to the influx of new residents from nearby metropolitan areas.

#### RISE IN SYNAGOGUE ATTENDANCE ON HIGH HOLIDAYS AND SABBATH REPORTED

NEW YORK, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- Dr. George Gallup, director of the American Institute of Public Opinion in Princeton, conceded this week that synagogue attendance in the past 10 years has increased, despite a drop in over-all attendance at religious services during that period, the United Synagogue of America, central body of the Conservative Synagogue movement, announced today.

In the initial "audit" report which was released by Dr. Gallup several months ago, an impression was created that synagogue attendance had dropped along with attendance in Protestant and Catholic churches during the 10-year period covered in the report. In response to an inquiry from Rabbi Alvin Kass, editor of the United Synagogue Review, Dr. Gallup has now confirmed the results of a survey which the United Synagogue Review itself had conducted and which revealed "a decided rise in synagogue attendance during the High Holy Days and on the Sabbath during the past 10 years," the announcement said.

#### JEWISH WOMAN NAMED TO TENNESSEE'S STATE CABINET; IS ARDENT ZIONIST

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 15. (JTA) -- Gov.-elect Buford Ellington has appointed Mrs. Leo H. Burson, of Nashville, to the post of Commissioner of the Department of Employment Security. She is believed to be the first Jew to be named to Tennessee's State Cabinet.

Mrs. Burson and her husband are both long-time, ardent Zionists. Mrs. Burson is very active in Hadassah. She was a member of the Hadassah delegation that visited the Soviet Union recently and returned with a report deploring the persecutions suffered by the USSR Jewry in the religious and cultural fields.

#### KARL MARX, EDITOR OF JEWISH WEEKLY IN GERMANY, DIES IN DUSSELDORF

DUSSELDORF, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- Karl Marx, founder and editor of the Allgemeine Wochenzeitung, the only Jewish weekly in Germany, died here today at the age of 69 after a long illness.

A skillful editor, he wielded considerable influence in Jewish life in postwar Germany as a public figure as well as an editor. A World War I German army veteran, he was a free-lance journalist in Germany until 1933 when he left, returning in 1946 after the collapse of the Nazi regime. One of the many messages of condolences to his widow was one from Vice-Chancellor and Foreign Minister Willy Brandt. During his last illness in the hospital, he received a message of good wishes from President Heinrich Lübke.