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### SYRIAN PRESIDENT ANNOUNCES COUNTRY'S READINESS FOR WAR WITH ISRAEL

LONDON, April 18. (JTA) -- Syrian President Atassi announced today that Syria was ready "at any moment" to launch a war on Israel, it was reported here from Beirut. He invited all Arabs to come to Syria to join ranks of his "popular army" of farmers, workers and peasants for the "war of liberation."

Another report from Beirut said that United States diplomats in Arab countries were asked by the governments there to clarify whether or not the United States had assured Israel that the U.S. Sixth Fleet would defend the Jewish State. The Arabs made reference to an interview of Israeli Prime Minister Levi Eshkol published by the U.S. News and World Report magazine. Mr. Eshkol indicated in the interview that the United States had given Israel defense assurances involving the Sixth Fleet. (In Washington, State Department sources commented that despite reports from Beirut and Amman they were not aware here of any inquiries by Arab states for clarification of the Eshkol remarks.)

It was also reported here today that a number of so-called pro-Western Arab governments had asked the United States to define its security commitments to them and to Israel. The Arabs were said to be asking whether the United States had made some unilateral commitment to Israel that differs from the often stated general American expression that the United States supports the territorial integrity of the states of the region and opposes aggression by any state.

Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara has come under heavy criticism from the Syrian press and radio because of his recent comments on Soviet arms shipments to Syria and the fact that the United States is selling limited quantities of defensive weapons to Israel, Lebanon, Jordan, and Saudi Arabia. Mr. McNamara's reference to the Near East occurred in connection with the submittal to Congress of a new defense budget.

### Senate Hears Warning on Syria's Threats Against Israel

WASHINGTON, April 18. (JTA) -- Speaking from the floor of the Senate, Senator Charles H. Percy, Illinois Republican, called attention today to Syria's threats against Israel and emphasized the dangers inherent in the Syrian terrorist acts on the Israel border. Tracing the difficulties on the Syrian-Israel frontier, he charged the Syrians with "unprovoked violence" which he termed "unpardonable."

The Illinois Senator accused Syria of failing to cooperate with the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization and with refusing to discuss "without any preconditions the single point on the agenda to which it had agreed." He pointed out that "at every stage Israel has reiterated its readiness to discuss the point immediately."

Reports reaching Washington today said that the Nasser-backed "Flosy" front movement for the "liberation" of South Arabia announced in Aden that when it came to power after the departure of the British armed forces from the Aden protectorate, it "will certainly close" the Southern entrance to the Red Sea (the Eilat route) to Israeli shipping. The Western end of the protectorate commands the narrow channel between the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden.

The announcement was made by the secretary-general of Flosy, Abdul Qawee Mackawee, former Chief Minister of the Aden protectorate. He said "our policy will be hostile to Britain, the United States and Israel alike." Flosy is the leading terrorist movement in Aden and the adjoining sheikhdoms which form the British-protected South Arabian federations. Britain has announced its intention to pull out.

Today's strong expression surprised U.S. officials who have maintained informal contacts with Flosy in hopes of preventing it from moving in an extreme anti-Western course. Mackawee described Israel as "a pawn of Western imperialism" in announcing the intention to block Israeli transit of the Red Sea.

### Israel's Deputy Defense Minister Completes Talks in Washington

WASHINGTON, April 18. (JTA) -- A series of discussions on current affairs in the Middle East terminated here today with the departure of Dr. Zvi Dinstein, Israel's Deputy Minister of Defense.

Dr. Dinstein met at the Defense Department with Under-Secretary of Defense Cyrus Vance and Townsend Hoopes, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs. Dr. Dinstein was accompanied by Israeli Ambassador Avraham Harman and Gen. Joseph Geva, Chief Israeli Military Attache in Washington.

**PINCUS URGES UNIFICATION OF U.S. JEWRY FOR MAINTAINING JEWISHNESS**

JERUSALEM, April 18, (JTA) -- Zionism in the United States can not make its strength felt because it lacks a unified, representative body, similar to the one set up recently in Canada, Aryeh L. Pincus, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, stated here today at a news conference, where he reported on his recent trips to the U.S.A., Canada and Britain.

He declared that the United Jewish Appeal in the U.S.A. is now the main force uniting all Jewish groups and organizations. This is good, he said, because funds for continuing the up-building of Israel are important. But much better, he added, would be the unification of United States Jewry in a concerted effort to maintain the community's Jewishness.

Mr. Pincus spoke approvingly of the leadership of the American welfare funds which, he said, have now entered forcefully into the field of Jewish education. He said that plans have been made to send more Israelis to work as teachers in the lands outside Israel. But the teachers from Israel, he held, must be freed of restrictions still imposed on them in some places, such as their pledges not to engage in Zionist activities or to teach about today's realities inside Israel.

Israel can not supply all the Hebrew teachers needed abroad, and training for teachers and youth leaders in countries outside Israel must be increased, Mr. Pincus stressed. Reporting on the recent unification of Zionism in Canada, and on the work of the British Zionist Federation, he said he was impressed, in both these countries, by the large number of young people who have come forward, thus giving rise to optimism regarding the Zionist movements in Canada and Britain.

**BRITAIN GUARANTEES \$14,000,000 EXPORT CREDIT; REPAYMENT IN 10 YEARS**

LONDON, April 18, (JTA) -- The British Board of Trade announced today that it had guaranteed for Israel an export credit totaling 5,000,000 pounds sterling (\$14 million). The credit will go to the Industrial Development Bank of Israel. The Board of Trade stated in its announcement that the loan had been granted after the visit here of Israel's Minister of Commerce and Industry Zeev Shareff "as a guest of the British Government."

Mr. Shareff announced the conclusion of his visit to Britain, which he called "successful" and, in a separate communique, spelled out the terms of the credit. "The Export Credit Guarantee Department of the Board of Trade," the communique stated, "is being established in London by S.G. Warburg Co., Ltd., in conjunction with a consortium of banks. The credit will be available for contracts for capital plant and machinery of 1.25 million pounds (\$3.5 million) or more."

The Israeli Minister told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that interest on the loan was fixed at 5-1/2 percent, that there was a two-year limit for Israel to make use of the fund, and that the period of repayment would be 10 years from the day the contract is signed. He said part of the loan may be used for bulk purchases of plant and machinery of a value of not less than 100,000 pounds (\$280,000), and the time limit for such purchases would be different.

During his visit to this country, Mr. Shareff also met with Anthony Wedgwood Benn, Minister of Technology. They agreed, Mr. Shareff said, that representatives of their respective ministries would meet and discuss the areas and means by which technological collaboration between Israel and Britain might be most effectively developed.

The Israeli Minister said he had found a "friendly reception and response" from the British leaders, "both on the official and the private levels." During his visit, he also went to Scotland where, Mr. Shareff said, he had made valuable contacts and found that the Scottish industrial estates held some useful examples for Israel. He said the Glasgow Chamber of Commerce would send a trade mission to Israel next year.

**Joint British-Israeli Projects in Foreign Countries Discussed**

Mr. Shareff discussed here possible British-Israeli projects in other countries and said that, in the event such cooperation developed, arrangements similar to the five million pound British credit could be made for British investment outside the limitation. Such projects, he said, have been envisaged not only for African, Asian and Latin American countries but also for East European lands. He cited as an example the Israeli-Rumanian trade agreement just signed in Bucharest.

The Minister said he hoped the British loan credit would be "only a beginning." Israel, he said, was now embarking on a five-year plan of industrial and agricultural expansion with a total investment of 350 million pounds sterling (\$980 million) of which 15 million pounds (\$36.4 million) would be in foreign investments.

Regarding an agreement made here for technological cooperation, the Israeli Cabinet member said, desalination of seawater was one of the envisaged joint British-Israeli projects. He added that no military purchases were involved in any of the agreements made here during his visit.

**CANADA WILL NOT DEPORT NAZI WAR CRIMINALS; GOVERNMENT INFORMS PARLIAMENT**

OTTAWA, April 18, (JTA) -- Any war criminals in Canada cannot be deported for alleged crimes committed abroad, said Donald MacDonald, parliamentary secretary to External Affairs Minister Paul Martin, speaking in the Canadian House of Commons. He was replying to H.W. Herridge, a British Columbia New Democrat who said there have been reliable reports that 15 Nazi war criminals are living in Canada.

Mr. MacDonald said the government has a list of alleged war criminals but the Criminal Code does not extend to crimes committed outside Canada. He said there is a basic conflict of interest in the matter: the grave concern that some people are going unpunished for abhorrent crimes and the principle of justice that criminal laws should not be made retroactive.

**GOLDMANN PLEASED WITH TREATMENT OF JEWS IN FOUR COMMUNIST COUNTRIES**

GENEVA, April 18. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency here last night that he has found that Jews in four East European countries he has just visited "enjoy complete equality." In a statement issued upon his return to Geneva, he declared:

"I have just concluded a visit to Eastern Europe at the invitation of the Jewish communities of Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Yugoslavia and Rumania. This was my first trip to these countries in over 30 years. My visit, during which I met Jews in all walks of life, has assured me that the Jewish communities of the new Socialist republics enjoy complete equality. They are making an important contribution to the upbuilding of their countries; and this, I am glad to say, is fully recognized by their governments.

"The Jewish communities are enabled to maintain their religious and cultural identities; they can live a Jewish life in freedom. There is, indeed, no conflict of principle between the Socialist ideologies of those countries and the loyalties of the Jews to their age-long traditions, their identification with the Jewish people and their collaboration with the World Jewish Congress as the expression of the unity of the Jewish people. This is understood and appreciated by their governments."

"I firmly believe that the Jewish people should develop its relationships with these new states and forms of society. We share a common interest in the maintenance of peace and in the peaceful solution of social problems in many areas of the world. We were particularly happy to meet again with the Jewish community of Yugoslavia, which was among the founding members of the WJC and has remained constantly loyal to us, despite the tensions between East and West. Yugoslavia could serve as an example of how nationality and minority problems could be handled.

**Met with Jewish Leaders in Czechoslovakia, Hungary, and Rumania**

"We are glad that the Jewish communities of Czechoslovakia and Hungary are now in closer contact with us, after so long an interval, and the Rumanian Jewish community has once again resumed its rightful place in the councils of world Jewry. We had fruitful meetings with representatives of Jewish organizations in those countries, and were also privileged to have friendly and useful discussions with high government officials, including Mr. Geza Tikwicki, a member of the executive council of the Yugoslav Government, and Mr. Josef Pranter, president of the Hungarian State Office for Religious Affairs.

"The secretary-general of the religious affairs department of the Rumanian Prime Minister's office, Prof. Dogaru, explained the attitude of the Rumanian Government to a number of Jewish citizens, and gave due credit to their national contribution.

"I gathered from his declaration that the Rumanian Government had full understanding of the determination of the Jewish people everywhere, and Rumanian Jewry in particular, to maintain Jewish traditions and Jewish identity. The Rumanian Socialist Republic notes with satisfaction that the Jewish people had reestablished its national homeland."

"The Rumanian Government considered justified the natural and WJC efforts to unite the Jews of the world in defense of their common interests and ideals. They regarded also with satisfaction the fact that Rumanian Jewry has again taken its place in the WJC.

"The Rumanian Government also noted with satisfaction the resolution adopted by the WJC Assembly which called for vigorous action in the fight against neo-Nazism and anti-Semitism, expressed hope for a speedy termination of the war in Viet Nam, and pledged Jewish support for the fight for social justice and the equality of rights for races and peoples. The Rumanian Government regarded the Jewish people as an ally in the struggle for these aims," Dr. Goldmann's statement concluded.

At a press conference, Dr. Goldmann said that his remarks about the position of the Jews in Yugoslavia, Rumania, Czechoslovakia and Hungary also applied generally to Poland, which he visited two years ago, but not to the Soviet Union. There are today about 110,000 Jews in Rumania, 80,000 in Hungary, 18,000 in Czechoslovakia, and 6,500 in Yugoslavia.

**Israel Cabinet Lauds Pact Signed with Rumanian Government**

JERUSALEM, April 18. (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet met in special session today to hear a report on the new trade agreement between Israel and Rumania signed last week in Bucharest. The Cabinet applauded the achievement of the first trade agreement with an East European country.

The pact visualizes an exchange of trade annually totaling \$40,000,000, compared to existing trade of about \$5,000,000 a year.

The Ministers asked for the special meeting because the Cabinet normally would not meet while Parliament is in recess, as it is now for Passover. The Ministers sought a first-hand account of the talks from Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir, who headed Israel's delegation for the pact negotiations.

Under the agreement, Israel will sell citrus, textiles, chemicals, pharmaceuticals and other industrial products, and will buy from Rumania wood, meat, sugar, metals and similar products. An important point in the agreement is that each country will help the other sell its products in third countries, which means Eastern European markets. This clause opens the possibility to wider sales of Israeli products.

**ARGENTINE POLICEMAN SHOT FATALITY IN CLASH WITH ANTI-SEMITIC GROUP**

BUENOS AIRES, April 18. (JTA) -- A group of eight members of Tacuara, the officially banned, Fascist and anti-Semitic organization, broke into a theater here a week ago, and a fight erupted in which one policeman was shot fatally, the Buenos Aires Herald revealed here today. According to the newspaper, police authorities have been maintaining silence on the occurrence. The Herald said that two men were arrested but "it is not quite clear whether they were among the raiders."

Editorially, the newspaper complained against the fact that Tacuara, while it is banned by Government order, and is allegedly "linked to murderers," consistently escaped prosecution. "The Government has said that it will not countenance any form of extremism," the editorial stated, "but it appears that some extremists are more acceptable than others."

**SUPREME COURT JUSTICE DOUGLAS LAUDS ISRAEL'S JUDICIARY SYSTEM**

NEW YORK, April 18. (JTA) -- Israel's judiciary was described by Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas as "an oasis in a world not yet committed to a rule of law," at a dinner last night sponsored by the American Friends of the Hebrew University. Justice Douglas hailed the tradition of Israel's independent judiciary which, he said, distinguished it from "most of the other courts in the dreary reaches of the Middle East and Asia where the tenure of judges rests largely on the whim or caprice of a dictator or military clique or a political party."

Guest of honor at the dinner was Kings County Surrogate Court Judge Edward S. Silver who received the Hebrew University's Solomon Rublick Award. Judge Silver was cited as the person who has made the most significant contribution to the progress and development of Israel. He is chairman of the Greater New York Committee for Israel Bonds and is a member of the board of directors of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York.

**AMERICAN JEWISH PRESS ASSOCIATION TO HOLD CONVENTION IN ISRAEL**

NEW YORK, April 18. (JTA) -- A delegation of American newspapermen of the English-Jewish press will go to Israel the latter part of May for the 24th annual convention of the American Jewish Press Association, it was announced today by Adolph Rosenberg, of The Southern Israelite in Atlanta, president of the association. Plans for the AJPA convention were announced also in Israel by the Israeli Government.

"This will be a historic occasion for American Jewish newspapers, an opportunity for some to visit Israel for the first time, a chance for all to sit down with Israeli officials on their own ground and examine the problems of the day and their designs for the future," Mr. Rosenberg said in his announcement.

Prime Minister Levi Eshkol is slated to address the opening session on May 26. Other scheduled speakers include Foreign Minister Abba Eban, Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir, Aryeh L. Pincus, chairman of the executive of the Jewish Agency and Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of Keren Hayesod.

**THREE-DAY PARLEY ON BILINGUALISM OPENED BY YIVO AND YESHIVA UNIVERSITY**

NEW YORK, April 18. (JTA) -- A three-day research conference on "Multilingualism and Social Change; Perspective on Yiddish" opened here last night at the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research, sponsored by the YIVO and the Ferkauf Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences of Yeshiva University.

The subjects for discussion range widely from such topics as Jewish influences on American English to bilingualism in Montreal; and from Yiddish and Arabic in old Palestine to successes and failures in the restoration of Irish. The conference is supported, in part, by a grant from the Committee on Sociolinguistics of the Social Science Research Council and by a grant from the Ford Foundation.

**ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE OPENS DRIVE TO RAISE \$2,650,000 IN NEW YORK**

NEW YORK, April 18. (JTA) -- The official opening of the New York campaign of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith for \$2,650,000 toward the national goal of \$5,523,900 was launched here last night in an inaugural dinner at which former Sen. Paul H. Douglas and his wife were presented with the Human Rights Award of the ADL.

Emily Taft Douglas, a former Member of Congress from Illinois, and Mr. Douglas were honored for their efforts and achievements "in the struggle against injustice, prejudice and disadvantage." More than 1,000 business and communal leaders attended the event.

**BEN-GURION TALK ON THE BIBLE TO BE PRESENTED ON CBS NETWORK**

NEW YORK, April 18. (JTA) -- "Ben-Gurion on the Bible," a half-hour conversation with David Ben-Gurion, will be presented as a CBS News special in color on April 23 (10:00-10:30 AM, EST) on the CBS Television Network, it was announced here today.

The broadcast ranges over a variety of Biblical and contemporary subjects, including the meaning of the Ten Commandments for today, the Bible as literature, the so-called "Is God Dead?" question, the miracles and prophecies, the Holy Book as an archeological tool, and the need for justice and peace as envisioned in the Bible.

**AMERICAN LABOR LEADERS ESTABLISH 48 SCHOLARSHIPS IN ISRAEL**

BOSTON, April 18. (JTA) -- Salvatore Camelio, president of the Massachusetts State AFL-CIO was honored tonight at a dinner attended by 1,200 labor leaders who expressed their solidarity with Histadrut, the Israel labor federation, by establishing 48 scholarships in his name for the vocational training of teen-age youngsters in Histadrut Amal Schools.