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### Arab Rulers Prepare Statement Implying Willingness to Compromise on Israel Issue

LONDON, Aug. 31. (JTA) -- The rulers of Arab countries, now meeting at Khartoum, Sudan, were reported here today to be drafting a statement affirming their adherence to the United Nations Charter -- a move which observers regard as an implied willingness to consider a political settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict, since the U.N. Charter supports the independence of all nations in the world organization, including Israel. The Arab states represented at the "summit meeting" have heretofore refused to recognize Israel.

President Nasser of Egypt and Jordan's King Hussein reportedly told the summit meeting that a negotiated settlement of the Arab conflict with Israel might be necessary. Nasser was reported urging the other Arab rulers, for the first time, to seek a "political solution" to the Arab-Israeli conflict by emphasizing that Egypt is nearly bankrupt economically and militarily, and that further military action against Israel would be plausible only if the other Arab states pooled their resources with him -- or even half of their resources. No such commitment was expected by other delegates.

Nasser was reported as telling the other participants that, if no such pooling is decided upon, a political solution would be necessary. He did not go into the details of what the solution might be, but indicated that he would later summarize a compromise suggested by President Tito of Yugoslavia during his recent trip to the Middle East.

### King Hussein Backs Nasser on 'Political Solution' of Arab-Israeli Conflict

King Hussein of Jordan backed Nasser's compromise plan to settle the Israeli conflict, reportedly dropping hints at the closed-door session that he might have to negotiate a separate peace with the Israelis. The Arab states should "face realities and errors with manliness and frankness," said Hussein. "Boasting of glory does not make glory," added Hussein, "and singing in the dark does not dispel fear."

At the same time, however, Hussein told the other Arab leaders that, while he takes pride in the manner his people had fought against the Israelis, "we are not blind to the gravity of allowing the situation to continue. Jordan believes a great catastrophe would result if our conference failed to agree on decisive measures guaranteeing Arab unity on a new and sound basis."

A Beirut dispatch received here today reported that, in Damascus, an emergency congress was held by the Syrian, Socialist Baath Party, declaring that only "a war of liberation" could evict the Israelis from conquered Arab areas. The meeting decided that Syria should boycott the Khartoum meeting but should cooperate only with the "progressive Arab regimes." The Baathists consider Algeria and Egypt as "progressive."

### Tito's Plan for Settlement of Arab-Israeli Conflict Presented to Johnson and Rusk

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31. (JTA) -- Yugoslavian Foreign Minister Marko Nikezic conferred here today with Secretary of State Dean Rusk after visiting President Johnson last night to deliver a message from Yugoslavia's President Tito, dealing with the latter's efforts to work out a settlement of the Israeli-Arab crisis.

The Tito message, it was indicated here, concerned a proposal that a resolution be backed in the next session of the United Nations General Assembly, calling on Israel to withdraw its armed forces from captured Arab territories and implying that the Arab countries note the fact of Israel's existence.

(Mr. Nikezic this afternoon met also with Secretary-General U Thant at the United Nations headquarters in New York and handed him a copy of President Tito's letter which he presented last night to President Johnson dealing with solution to the problems of the Middle East. Similar letters were delivered in Paris, Moscow and London.)

George Christian, White House press secretary, declined to disclose the contents of the Tito message, but said: "We are interested in any effort to arrange a durable peace in the Middle East." The meetings with Mr. Nikezic were described by both the White House and the State Department as

"part of a continuing exchange with a number of interested governments on the current situation in the Middle East, in an effort to bring about a just and peaceful solution."

The Yugoslavian Foreign Minister said here today he would not characterize the message he delivered to President Johnson from President Tito last night as containing "new proposals," nor would he describe his conference today with Secretary Rusk as offering any fresh approaches to the situation in the Middle East. Today's meeting, he told newsmen, touched on various "ideas and estimates" of the Middle East problem.

Administration officials said here today they doubted that Tito's formula for a Middle East peace, as presented to President Johnson, would be acceptable either to Israel or to the Arab states. President Tito's plan was reported privately as calling for the withdrawal of Israeli forces from the territory they occupied in their war with the Arabs in June; reestablishment of the U.N. emergency force to guarantee peace along the Israeli-Arab frontiers; and a big-power guarantee by the U.S.A., Russia, Britain and France of the previous borders. Israel, in return for withdrawing its forces would receive "semirecognition" by the Arabs.

Attending the White House meeting with the Yugoslav Foreign Minister last night were Special Assistant to the President, Walt Rostow, Assistant Secretary of State Lucius Battle, and the new Yugoslavian Ambassador, Bogdan Crnobrnja. The meeting with Mr. Rusk took place at a breakfast this morning, lasting an hour and a half. A spokesman for the State Department said "we will study the viewpoint expressed by Yugoslavia and respond at a later date."

### **Israel Cabinet to Meet Sunday on Repatriation of Arab Refugees from Jordan to West Bank**

JERUSALEM, Aug. 31. (JTA) -- With the deadline for readmission of Arab refugees from the east bank of the Jordan River to the Israeli-occupied west bank expiring today, the Government decided this morning that final action on the question of how long to extend the repatriation deadline and for whom should be taken at the next Cabinet meeting, to be held Sunday.

Meanwhile, as the time expired, military engineers started late this afternoon to tear down the special installations on the Allenby bridge, and on other east-west spans, which Israel had erected on its side of the river for the special purpose of handling the incoming refugees. Gen. Moshe Dayan, the Minister of Defense, had ordered earlier that those installations be destroyed as soon as the August 31 deadline had expired.

Some reports had indicated that the deadline for certain of the refugees -- the 10,000 who hold valid return permits, approved by Israel -- would be extended until September 15, while other reports held that the deadline would be abolished altogether. None of those reports, however, is accurate at this point, the final decision being up to the entire Cabinet.

(In Washington, the State Department indicated that the United States -- which, along with United Nations Secretary-General U Thant, had pressed Israel for elimination of the deadline -- was not happy about the present situation regarding the refugees. A State Department spokesman said the U.S.A. would prefer Israeli agreement for the return of all the refugees from the east bank to the western river area, estimating those refugees at about 170,000.)

Meanwhile, it was learned here today that the Government has decided to establish "control centers" manned by army units in the west bank area. The decision, it was disclosed, had been taken by the Cabinet, and may have far-reaching consequences. The "control centers" are reportedly to be linked to some of Israel's principal cities by newly-built roads to criss-cross the entire west bank area. Under the plans, roads in the west bank area destroyed during the Six-Day War will also be rebuilt in the near future.

### U.S. Spent \$9,900,000 on Aid to Arab Refugees Since End of June War

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Aug. 31. (JTA) -- American aid to Arab refugees since the end of the Arab-Israeli war in June amounted to \$9,900,000, it was reported here yesterday by the U.S. mission to the United Nations.

A note detailing the contributions, sent to Secretary-General U Thant, listed the following contributions: 10,000 tents air-lifted to Jordan; a donation of \$2,000,000 to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees; 24,000 metric tons of wheat flour and 1,200 tons of vegetable oils given to the same agency; \$140,000 in cash donated to the American Red Cross; and \$1,800,000 worth of food donated to various American voluntary agencies in the Middle East.

The note stated that the United States is keeping the needs of the refugees under constant review, and that shipments of food for needy persons in the Gaza Strip and on the west bank is continuing.

### **Israel Government Takes Over Largest Modern Hotel in the Old City of Jerusalem**

JERUSALEM, Aug. 31. (JTA) -- The Israeli Government has taken over the Intercontinental Hotel, the newest and most lavish hostelry in East Jerusalem, the former "Old City," it was reported here today. The hotel is being operated under the supervision of the Government's Custodian of Abandoned Property.

The Intercontinental is located on the very edge of the ancient Mount of Olives Cemetery. The Jordanian Government had built for the hotel an access road across a portion of the cemetery, desecrating many Jewish graves. Among the graves destroyed by the Jordanians was the burial ground of the late Henrietta Szold, founder of Hadassah, the women's Zionist organization of America.

## Five Jewish Groups Request Right of Wearing of Yarmulke by Public School Pupils

TRENTON, N. J., Aug. 31. (JTA) — The right of a public school pupil to wear a yarmulke (skull-cap) in class for religious reasons was urged today in a formal request for a ruling submitted to the State Education Commissioner Carl L. Marburger. The petition was signed by the Jewish Community Relations Council of Essex County, Eastern Union County Jewish Council; and New Jersey regional offices of the American Jewish Congress, American Jewish Committee and Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

The petition grew out of the refusal by the Hillside, N.J. Board of Education earlier this month to rescind a school policy that barred 13-year-old Bernard Paul White from a summer typing course in the local high school because his religious faith required him to keep his head covered. State Education Commissioner Marburger was asked to rule that no child in New Jersey public schools be "expelled, suspended, excluded from class or otherwise disciplined for keeping his head covered in school if religious conscience requires him to do so."

"While our immediate concern is the right of Orthodox Jewish children attending the public schools of this state, we share as well a broader commitment to the principles of religious freedom and of public education," the petition stressed. "While the ruling we request herein may affect directly only a small number of children in the state, it is nevertheless required both for the preservation of religious freedom and the advancement of public education."

The Jewish organizations advanced six main arguments in their petition:

- 1) Exclusion from school or other disciplining of a child who keeps his head covered because of his religious beliefs violates the religious freedom guarantees of the Federal and New Jersey constitutions.
- 2) U.S. Supreme Court decisions have consistently upheld the free exercise of religion where such exercise in no way injures or prejudices other persons. Thus, the high court held unconstitutional in 1943 the exclusion of Jehovah's Witnesses children from public school because of their refusal for religious reasons to salute or pledge allegiance to the American flag.
- 3) There is "no paramount interest" of the State of New Jersey that is "endangered" by allowing a young boy to keep his head covered in class by an inconspicuous skull cap. "No other child is hurt or otherwise prejudiced thereby."
- 4) New Jersey court decisions as well as legislative acts have consistently sustained the "broadest possible protection to the free exercise of religion."
- 5) The principles of sound educational policy require a ruling consistent with the historic American principle of religious freedom. "What kind of pedagogy would it be to teach this proud history and at the same time practice the direct opposite in the classroom?" the report asks.
- 6) The presence of a child wearing a skullcap could be "a living and therefore most effective demonstration of the concept of a pluralistic democracy. Our educational goal is to teach our children to learn to live in peace and harmony with children of different religions, cultural backgrounds and racial origins," the statement declared.

## American Sociological Association Gets Report on Teenage Delinquency in Israel

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 31. (JTA) — Teenage delinquency in Israel occurs at a much higher rate among boys of Oriental background than it does among those of Western origin. This was reported today to the American Sociological Association in a paper presented by Leon Shaskolsky, research assistant in Ohio State University's department of Sociology.

The joint study by Shaskolsky and Prof. Shlomo Shoham, head of the Institute of Criminology, Bar-Ilan University, Ramat-Gan, Israel, also indicated that more delinquents came from families recently settled in Israel and that more had fathers who were unskilled workers. The sociologists conducted their study among a group of 100 consecutive referrals from the Tel-Aviv juvenile court and a comparison group of 100 nondelinquent boys each matched for age and from the same school as the delinquent counterpart.

"Of particular importance," the researchers reported, "were the significant differences in ethnic group membership, length of family residence in Israel, and the occupation of the father. These characteristics are not, of course, unrelated to each other. Of the 100 delinquent cases, half were from the western community, and the other half from the oriental community. The nondelinquents, on the other hand, were nearly four times as often drawn from the western segment of the population, the percentages of oriental and western community subjects in the nondelinquent sample being 79 and 21, respectively.

"Similarly, the nondelinquent cases, to a much greater extent, represented the 'older settler' segment of the Israeli population. Some 60 percent of the nondelinquents, as against only 43 percent of the delinquent cases, came from families which had settled in Israel prior to 1948. Finally, the fathers of 19 percent of the nondelinquents, but of 51 percent of delinquents, were unskilled workers.

"Thus, the delinquents, or at least their families, were more recent immigrants, more often from underdeveloped communities in Asia and North Africa, and very often of low occupational skill."

## Yosef Tekoah Named Israel's Permanent Representative to the United Nations

JERUSALEM, Aug. 31. (JTA) -- Yosef Tekoah, Israel's 42-year-old former Ambassador to the Soviet Union and, previously, to Brazil, has been named as Israel's permanent representative and Ambassador to the United Nations. He will succeed Ambassador Gideon Rafael, who will return here to become director-general of the Foreign Ministry. Both nominations were made today, and are expected to be confirmed soon.

Mr. Tekoah has been, of late, deputy director-general of the Foreign Ministry. Educated at Harvard University, he had previously served as director of the Foreign Ministry's armistice affairs division. He had also served two years as Israel's acting permanent representative to the United Nations.

## Israel's Finance Minister to Attend Launching of \$500,000,000 Bond Drive in U.S.

JERUSALEM, Aug. 31. (JTA) -- Israel's Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir will attend the national mobilization conference for economic development in Israel, to be convened in New York, September 15, by the Israel Bond Organization for launching a \$500,000,000 Bond campaign, it was announced here today.

Mr. Sapir will also go to Rio de Janeiro to attend the annual meetings of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (World Bank) and the International Monetary Fund, being held in the Brazilian metropolis this year. Also attending those sessions will be David Horowitz, Governor of the Bank of Israel.

## Arab Youth Center Dedicated in Israel; Funds Given by Los Angeles Jewish Donor

TEL AVIV, Aug. 31. (JTA) -- Local Arab notables in the village of El Fahem, in Israel, joined officials of Histadrut, the Israeli federation of labor and an American donor today when a new youth center for Arab youngsters was dedicated in the town. The donor is J.M. Lazarus, of Los Angeles. Mr. Lazarus had also donated funds for other youth centers in various parts of Israel.

A new clinic was inaugurated today at the Poalei Agudah settlement Yad Benyamin, which was established in memory of Benjamin Mintz, founder of the movement. The clinic had been donated by Alexander Rottenberg, of New York.

## First Group of American Youths Leaves for Israel to Study in Goodman High School

NEW YORK, Aug. 31. (JTA) -- The first 19 of a group of American teenagers left tonight for Israel to study in the Mollie Goodman Academic High School there, the first American high school of its kind in Israel, established by the Zionist Organization of America. The Mollie Goodman Academic High School, which is named in memory of the wife of noted Zionist leader, Abraham Goodman, of New York, shares one campus with the Kfar Silver Agricultural High School, also maintained by the ZOA, near Ashkelon.

The high school will be opened September 1. The dedication ceremonies of the new school, which was designed primarily for American students, were held during the 70th Jubilee Convention of the Zionist Organization of America in Israel last July, in the presence of 1,000 delegates. The students -- both boys and girls -- starting with the 9th and 10th grades, will receive the benefits of a high standard of secondary education, together with a knowledge of Judaism and exposure to the pioneering spirit of Israel, following a curriculum patterned after United States high schools. They will be housed in modern, spacious dormitories and provided with study rooms, a library, synagogue, club rooms and all other related services.

## Group of 43 Bnei Akiva Youths Leaves U.S. for Year's Work and Study in Israel

NEW YORK, Aug. 31. (JTA) -- Forty-three boys and girls from throughout the country left for Israel today for a year of work, study and travel. They are members of Bnei Akiva, the religious Zionist youth movement. The young people are divided into two groups, one of which will be assigned to Kvutzat Yavne and the other to Kvutzat Sa'ad, both religious kibbutzim.

Members of the group will work on the kibbutz for a half day and study for a half day for five months of the program. Learning sessions will include studies in the Talmud, Bible, religious law, advanced Hebrew and Jewish history. The youths, who are 17 to 21 years old, will attend study sessions in Yeshivat Bnei Akiva-Or Etzion and leadership seminars in Bet She'an and Jerusalem. Lectures by top Israeli officials and leaders will be offered to the Institute members.

## Knowledge of Archeology Is Helpful to Israel's Military Leaders, Dr. Glueck Asserts

NEW YORK, Aug. 31. (JTA) -- Study of the Bible and a knowledge of archeology have been of vast help to Israeli military leaders who commanded war campaigns against the Arabs in the last 20 years, according to Dr. Nelson Glueck, president of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. A noted archeologist himself, Dr. Glueck made that observation here yesterday, after returning from his latest trip to Israel.

He pointed out that both Gen. Yigael Yadin, commander of the Israeli forces during the war of liberation in 1948-49, and Gen. Moshe Dayan, the present Minister of Defense, had relied heavily during their campaigns on their expertise as archeologists and as students of the Bible.

## B'nai B'rith Youth Organization Elects New Presidents at International Convention

STARLIGHT, Pa., Aug. 31. (JTA) -- The B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, at its international convention at Camp B'nai B'rith yesterday elected Edward Zelinsky, 18, of Omaha, Neb., as president of the youth organization for boys; and Randy Glassman, 17, as president of the B'nai B'rith Girls' Organization.