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## France Says Israel Must Quit Occupied Areas, Tells UN It Must Impose Solution

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Oct. 7 (JTA)--French Foreign Minister Michel Debre told the United Nations General Assembly today that in France's view "a direct negotiation between the Israeli Government and each of the Arab governments did not appear to stand the slightest chance." He said that was why his Government believed it was up to the UN to define the elements of a reasonable solution and considered the Security Council's Middle East resolution of Nov. 22, 1967 to be a step in that direction.

M. Debre made his statement on the Middle East in the course of the general debate at the General Assembly's 23rd session. He said that while France maintained that each of the states in the region had the right to live in security, "it did not accept...any local fait accomplis as regards the territorial boundaries and the status of citizens." He declared that "the consequences of the 1967 unilateral action -- that is, conquest by force of arms -- cannot be accepted." He referred to it as a serious infraction of international law that presented a very grave danger for the Middle East, if not for the entire world. M. Debre said that the Nov. 22 resolution seemed to him to be the basis for a realistic settlement for a fair and lasting peace and that the mission of UN envoy Gunnar V. Jarring must succeed "for it would be dangerous to allow the present situation to continue."

Foreign Minister Ketema Yifru of Ethiopia also took the position that the Nov. 22 resolution and the Jarring mission provided the only road to Middle East peace. Speaking in the general debate, Mr. Yifru said all parties to the dispute should accept all the obligations contained in the resolution and should be ready to perform them forthwith. He said a resolution of the Middle East crisis would have to be based on the renunciation by all states of belligerency, acceptance by all of the existence of Israel as a sovereign state, a just solution to the Palestinian refugee problem on the basis of past UN resolutions, and withdrawal of Israel troops from territories occupied during the Six-Day War.

Earlier in the debate, Ahmed Laraki, Foreign Minister of Morocco, took the floor to accuse Israel of pursuing "an aggressive policy against the Arab countries," refusing to implement UN resolutions and repeatedly violating the cease-fire. In addition, he charged that "Zionist forces committed atrocities and acts of oppression" against the population of the occupied lands and accused them of "profaning the Moslem and Christian holy places" and confiscating private property. He said his government supported the resistance of the Palestinian people and considered their defense as a natural and legitimate right in the face of annexation.

## Wallace Favors Supply Of Military Equipment To Israel, Backs Negotiations

WASHINGTON, Oct. 7 (JTA)--Former Alabama Governor George C. Wallace, Presidential candidate of the American Independent Party, today told the National Press Club that he favors the supply of military equipment to Israel. Mr. Wallace stated his position on the Arab-Israel dispute for the first time in a major policy address.

He said that "the Middle East is still an area of high potential danger to world peace. We will take the initiative in encouraging mutual cooperation between the adversaries in this area and in seeking the mutual respect of each for the United States. We will encourage multilateral discussions seeking means of resolving and stabilizing boundaries and providing for the free use of water and land routes throughout this area. Binding non-aggression agreements must be developed.

"Until there are sincere negotiations and some form of positive agreement between Israel and the Arab nations, we must assure that no imbalance of force comes to exist in this area. Nothing could more endanger the peace," Mr. Wallace said. "If Russia persists in its arming of the Arab nations to such an extent as to pose a threat to Israel, this country must assure that Israel is kept at a commensurate level of strength," he said.

## Egyptian Government Spokesman Says Nixon Favors Israel Unfairly

LONDON, Oct. 7 (JTA)--The Egyptian Government's official spokesman charged at a press conference in Cairo yesterday that Republican Presidential candidate Richard M. Nixon unfairly favored Israel over the Arab countries. According to Dr. Mohammed H. el-Zayyat, who said his appraisal was based on incomplete news reports, Mr. Nixon felt "that Israel is an American protectorate." He added that "If I were an American, I would say that Mr. Nixon has appointed Israel as sheriff in the Middle East." The Egyptian expressed no opinion about Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey, the Democratic Presidential candidate. Both Mr. Nixon and Mr. Humphrey have advocated American military aid to Israel, including the sale of the supersonic F-4 Phantom jets. But while Mr. Humphrey spoke of maintaining a balance of strength between Israel and the Arabs, Mr. Nixon called for tipping the military balance in Israel's favor.

## 'Al Ahram' Reports Call For 'Holy War' By Moslem Representatives From 34 Lands

LONDON, Oct. 7 (JTA)--The semi-official Cairo newspaper Al Ahram reported yesterday that religious leaders representing 750 million Moslems in 34 countries have called for a "holy war" on Israel to recover the shrines of Islam in East Jerusalem. According to the paper, the call to arms was sounded after the religious leaders heard a tape recording of what was purported to be Jews desecrating the El Aqsa mosque in East Jerusalem.

## Egypt Exerting Pressure On Hussein To Block Peace Moves, 'Daily Express' Reports

LONDON, Oct. 7 (JTA)--President Nasser of Egypt is exerting heavy pressure on Jordan's King Hussein in order to forestall any plans the latter may have to sound out Israel on peace terms, the Daily Express said today. Israelis were said to fear this pressure could cost Hussein his throne and install a far less moderate Government in Jordan. The Express reported that Hussein's brother, Prince Hassan, rushed here over the weekend to warn the King, who was recovering from minor surgery, of mounting unrest in Amman. The Popular Front there wanted him to drop his pro-Western stand and put the Arab Legion, his army, fully behind the terrorist organizations that are conducting guerrilla warfare against Israel, the Express reported.

Charles Douglas-Home, the London Times' military correspondent, said in an article today that the Arabs are incapable of conducting an all-out war now to retake the territories occupied by Israel. But recognizing this, they are prepared to wage guerrilla warfare indefinitely and to settle for "limited victories," he wrote. In the long run, he said, "the sterility of the dreary routine of provocation and retaliation may eventually force both sides to search for more political and less military means of conducting a dialogue."

King Hussein is reported to have drawn up contingency plans to turn his kingdom into a "guerrilla state" on a total war footing if current Middle East peace efforts fail to produce a settlement acceptable to the Palestinians. The plans were said to spring from Hussein's "disillusionment" with the United States and its failure to pressure Israel into a settlement acceptable to the Arabs. It is also based on the King's fear that if he agreed to any compromise plan it would precipitate a direct clash between the Jordan Government and various guerrilla organizations operating on Jordanian territory which could mean the end of the Hashemite monarchy, it was reported.

## Premier Eshkol Slated To Visit United States In December En Route To Latin America

JERUSALEM, Oct. 7 (JTA)--Prime Minister Levi Eshkol may make a brief visit to the United States in December on his way to Brazil and Argentina where he has been officially invited. Government circles said that Mr. Eshkol would confer with President Johnson, who leaves office next Jan. 20. Reports that he might also meet the President-elect were not confirmed.

(The Argentine Foreign Ministry announced in Buenos Aires that Mr. Eshkol would visit there between Dec. 5 and 10, accompanied by Mrs. Eshkol. The announcement said that he would discuss various aspects of relations between his country and Argentina, particularly cooperation in science and technology.)

## Four Thousand Immigrants Entered Israel in September — Biggest Month Since 1965

JERUSALEM, Oct. 7 (JTA)--The Jewish Agency announced today that about 4,000 immigrants had arrived in Israel during September, the largest number in a single month since 1965. Aryeh L. Pineus, Jewish Agency chairman and head of its immigration department, said the largest single group consisted of 800 settlers from the United States. About 500 immigrants came from France and 170 came from Britain.

## Hadassah Hospital On Mount Scopus Will Reopen In 1970 With 300 Beds

JERUSALEM, Oct. 7 (JTA)--Some 300 beds will be available in the restored Hadassah Hospital on Mount Scopus when it is reopened in 1970, according to Dr. Kalman Mann, director-general of the Hadassah Medical Organization. The hospital had been closed from 1948 when Jordanian forces seized the Old City of Jerusalem during the War of Independence and barred access to Scopus until June, 1967 when Israeli forces took the city.

Dr. Mann said that the renovated hospital will serve mainly residents of East Jerusalem in place of a government hospital in that part of Jerusalem. All members of the staff of the government hospital will be re-employed by Hadassah either at the medical center at Ein Karem or on Mount Scopus. This arrangement will bring to five percent the proportion of Arab personnel employed by Hadassah, Dr. Mann said.

## Ministry Of Education And Culture Will Take Over Educational Television Authority

JERUSALEM, Oct. 7 (JTA)--The Israel Ministry of Education and Culture will take over the Educational Television Authority established two years ago by Lord Victor Rothschild and the Rothschild Foundation. The transfer will take place next April 19 and will be for a period of two years. Its future administration will be decided at a later date. Studios and transmitters of the authority were presented as a gift to the Israel Government by the Rothschilds. The Ministry of Education will have to pay for broadcasts.

## Shapiro Tells Party Religious Groups Must End Rifts, May Lose Influence

TEL AVIV, Oct. 7 (JTA)--Interior Minister Moshe Shapiro, leader of the National Religious Party, told a meeting of the party that Israeli religious groups must end their internal rifts because the mergers of leftist and labor parties could ultimately curtail the influence of the religious bloc.

He charged that the mergers were not based on ideas or ideals but only a determination to have "total control" of the state and that this might "jeopardize" the democratic foundation of Israel.

## Benda Hits Berlin Senate For Plea To Allied Commanders To Outlaw Neo-Nazi Party

BONN, Oct. 7 (JTA)--Dr. Ernst Benda, West German Minister of Interior, today publicly criticized the West Berlin Senate (city government) for asking the post-war occupying powers to consider banning the reputedly neo-Nazi National Democratic Party (NPD) from establishing a branch in that city. Dr. Benda said Berlin should not have taken an "isolated" step on a matter of this kind. But he promised that in the near future he would ask the Federal Government to decide on outlawing the NPD.

The Berlin request was contained in a letter from Mayor Karl Schütz to the commandants of the three occupying powers — United States, Britain and France. In caused consternation in Government circles which maintain that any action on the status of the extreme right-wing party should be uniform. While the Allied powers could declare the NPD illegal, the Federal Government must argue the case before the Constitutional Court in Karlsruhe and a negative ruling would, in that case, cause the Government extreme embarrassment.

(The Christian Science Monitor reported from Bonn today that the West German Ministry of Interior had failed to find grounds under Article 21 of the Federal Constitution to ban the National Democratic Party. Article 21 declares unconstitutional any party that seeks to impair democracy and threatens the existence of the state.)

## 2 Former Nazis Indicted On Charges Of Murdering Jews, Russians During War

BONN, Oct. 7 (JTA)--Two former Nazis have been indicted on charges of having murdered Jews and Russians during World War II. The state prosecutor in Munich is basing its cases against Dr. Kurt Christman and Franz Karmasin on the testimony of witnesses and on documents. It is still investigating the wartime activities of the two. Both were leaders of the Einsatzkommando group 10-A, involved in tracking down and killing partisans. They are charged with killing Jewish partisans and Soviet commissars in Russia between 1942-43. In addition, Mr. Karmasin is charged with complicity in the deaths of some 70,000 Slovakian Jews between 1942-45 when he was State Secretary for German Affairs in Slovakia and a leader of the German Party there. Mr. Karmasin was described by the prosecutor as a "desk criminal" like Adolf Eichmann.

## Danes Play Host To American Founders Of The Denmark School In Jerusalem

COPENHAGEN, Oct. 7 (JTA)--The Danish capital played host today to eight American founders of the Denmark High School in Jerusalem. They arrived here to pay tribute to the Royal Family and the Danish people on the 25th anniversary of the rescue of nearly all of Denmark's 8,000 Jewish citizens from deportation by the Nazis. The group of donors was headed by Charles J. Bensley, of New York, president of the United Jewish Appeal's Israel Education Fund, which is sponsoring the new school. He will present a golden key to the school to Princess Margrethe and Prince Henrik at Christiansborg Palace on Oct. 11. The delegation will also participate in the dedication of Israel Square in the center of Copenhagen, a counterpart of Copenhagen Square in Jerusalem.

The Denmark School will be the largest of 50 schools established in Israel by the UJA's Israel Education Fund in the past four years. It is expected to open in September, 1969 and will provide academic and vocational courses for an eventual student body of 1,000.

Mr. Bensley, an adviser to the United States Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, said the new school was "specifically designed to attract and train children from relatively disadvantaged families who came to Israel from the Moslem lands of North Africa and Asia." He said it would be carrying out "the great democratic ideals which the free people of the world, especially the valiant people of Denmark, have always maintained and defended."

In October, 1943, Danish citizens, under the eyes of the Gestapo and the German Army, managed to hide nearly 8,000 of their Jewish fellow-citizens and transport them in small boats to safety in Sweden. Their escape was arranged when Danish authorities learned of Nazi plans to deport all of Denmark's Jews.

### Canadian Jews In Tribute To Denmark, Sweden On Anniversary Of Rescue Effort

TORONTO, Oct. 7 (JTA)--Ambassador Boegh Andersen, Danish Ambassador to Canada, told a meeting here to pay tribute to Denmark and Sweden on the 25th anniversary of the rescue of the Danish Jewish population from the Nazis, that the events of October 1943 did not merit any special commendation since the Danes did the only normal and natural thing — to befriend and protect their fellow-Danes. That, he said, was exactly what the Danes felt about their fellow Jewish citizens in 1943 and in 1968.

More than 350 people, including several Jewish families who were saved by the Danes from the Nazis in 1943, attended the reception arranged by the Canadian Jewish Congress. Those present included W. Ross MacDonald, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario; Consul-General N. F. Kallin, of Sweden, and W. Froelich-Nielsen, the Danish consul here.

## New \$630,000 Synagogue Opened In New Zealand, Church Leaders Attend Ceremony

AUCKLAND, N.Z., Oct. 7 (JTA)--A new \$630,000 synagogue was officially opened here with ceremonies in which church dignitaries joined with leaders of New Zealand's Jewish community. The building, replacing an 83-year-old synagogue, has a seating capacity of 800, a social hall, classrooms and administrative offices. The Jewish population of New Zealand is estimated at about 2,000.

## Argentine Jews Say Government Fails To Repudiate Mounting Anti-Semitism In Country

BUENOS AIRES, Oct. 7 (JTA)--The Jewish community of Argentina is deeply concerned over the increasing manifestations of anti-Semitism in this country to which they link the fire that destroyed a \$2 million Israeli trade exhibition at the Buenos Aires fair grounds two weeks ago. The DAIA, Argentine Jewry's central representative body, held an extraordinary session here today attended by delegates from the provinces, to consider the problem.

Dr. Isaac Goldenberg, president of the DAIA, said that anti-Semitism in Argentina was more active this year than in 1967 but that the Government was unresponsive to Jewish appeals to officially repudiate it. He said that Nazi-like journals are freely circulated in Buenos Aires and cemeteries are desecrated. Only yesterday, 25 swastikas were painted on the walls of the Jewish cemetery in the town of Tablada.

Dr. Goldenberg maintained that the destruction of the Israeli pavilion was not an isolated incident but part of a chain of events. He took sharp issue with last week's statement by Minister of Interior Dr. Guillermo Borda who said the evidence was insufficient to conclude that the fire was the result of "criminal acts." A representative of the Ministry of Interior was present at the DAIA sessions which the newspaper "La Razon" described as "secret."

## Italian Government Rules Jews Are Not Exempt From Reconstruction Tax

ROME, Oct. 7 (JTA)--The Italian Government has ruled that Jews in Italy who survived persecution during World War II cannot be exempted from paying a post-war reconstruction levy that has been applied to all Italian residents who were not considered "enemies" by the Fascist regime. Finance Undersecretary Vincenzo Russo said arguments to exempt Jews were "worthy of full consideration under a human aspect" but lacked a "convincing legal basis." The levy was imposed in 1947 to help rebuild Italy's shattered economy. Many Italian Jews have demanded exemption on the grounds that they were treated far worse than enemy aliens by the Nazis.

## Topolski's Bergen-Belsen Drawings Are Destroyed In London Studio Fire

LONDON, Oct. 7 (JTA)--A fire of mysterious origin today destroyed the studio here of Felix Topolski, the Polish "artist of Bergen-Belsen" whose drawings of concentration camp scenes made a tremendous impact all over the world. The originals of the drawings were lost in the fire along with others of Israeli personalities and landscapes done when Mr. Topolski visited Israel. The artist, who makes his home in London is presently in the United States. His wife described the calamity as "the loss of a life's work."

## ADL Reports First Half Of 1968 Was Leading 6-Months Period For Civil Rights Laws

NEW YORK, Oct. 7 (JTA)--A periodical published by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith described the first half of 1968 as "the most fruitful six-month period in the history of the United States" for the enactment of legislation protecting civil rights. The assessment was made on the basis of a nationwide survey published in "Law," a magazine edited by Sol Rabkin, director of the ADL's law department and Paul Hartman, associate director.

The publication noted that developments on the Federal level tended to over-shadow new legislation on the state and local levels, but nevertheless three southern border states adopted anti-discrimination laws and many cities adopted local ordinances against discrimination in housing. The ADL report cited the adoption of a Federal fair housing law as "the most spectacular achievement" of the 1968 Civil Rights Act that provides Federal protection against interference with the exercise of civil rights.

## Morris B. Abram Installed As Brandeis President, Says Students Will Be Heard

WALTHAM, Mass., Oct. 7 (JTA)--Morris B. Abram was officially installed yesterday as president of Brandeis University and declared, in his inaugural address, that "here at Brandeis the students will be heard -- so will the faculty and all other elements of the university." Mr. Abram, a Rhodes scholar and lawyer who served both the Kennedy and Johnson Administrations and was formerly president of the American Jewish Committee, succeeded Dr. Abram L. Sachar. The latter had served as president of the Jewish-sponsored, non-sectarian university since its founding 20 years ago and is now chancellor.

Mr. Abram was invested with the academic hood of blue, designating the ancient Hebrew tribe of Dan, denoting a judge. Speaking before an audience of 2,500, he addressed himself to the most burning issue on American campuses today -- student protests and student participation in university policy-making. "The right of students to protest seems to me to be a right and not a privilege," Mr. Abram said. "The right of students, faculty or any one else to disrupt the learning process is no right at all. It is wrong. I will do everything I can to resist it. I reject the modern paeans to violence."

## O'Dwyer Charges That Southern Anti-Semitism Was Reason For Fortas Flibuster

NEW YORK, Oct. 7 (JTA)--Paul O'Dwyer, the Democratic candidate for United States Senator from New York, charged on a TV interview yesterday that the anti-Semitism of Southern legislators was the "overriding reason for the Senate filibuster" against the appointment of Abe Fortas to be Chief Justice of the United States. Speaking on NBC-TV's "Page One" program, Mr. O'Dwyer said that Mr. Fortas' withdrawal last week was precipitated by the Southern block which has always held "that Jewish morals were inferior."