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### ADENAUER SAYS 'FRIENDLY NATIONS' ASKED GERMANY TO GIVE ARMS TO ISRAEL

BONN, Feb. 16. (JTA) -- Former Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, of West Germany, today surprised members of his own party--the Christian Democratic Party--by denying that, in 1960, he had worked out with Israel's Premier David Ben-Gurion an agreement to provide military aid to Israel.

Addressing the Christian Democratic members of the West German Parliament, Dr. Adenauer said that such an agreement was concluded by him two years later, "owing to mediation of friendly nations." His statement was made in connection with last week's decision by his successor, Chancellor Ludwig Erhard, to suspend the sending of West German arms to Israel as a gesture to President Nasser of Egypt.

The suspension of the arms deliveries was criticized today by Fritz Erler, Social Democratic leader, at a meeting of his Parliamentary group. He also condemned the Government's Middle East policy. He described the halting of the arms shipments as a case of leaving one hole wide open while filling another.

The West German Government was reported today to have been shocked by the negative worldwide reaction to the halting of the arms shipments to Israel. West German officials also were disturbed by Israel's refusal to accept economic reparations of any kind in lieu of the canceled arms shipments. That refusal was bluntly stated yesterday by Premier Levi Eshkol in a debate in Israel's Parliament, which preceded a vote in support of the Premier's stand.

### AMERICAN-ISRAELI RELATIONS ARE 'STRONGER THAN EVER,' ESHKOL SAYS

TEL AVIV, Feb. 16. (JTA) -- Relations between Israel and the United States are "now stronger than ever," Prime Minister Levi Eshkol declared here tonight in delivering the opening address at the annual convention of the Mapai Party.

A large audience listened to the Premier at the opening session, which was attended by President Zalman Shazar, diplomatic representatives from 45 governments around the world, members of Israel's Cabinet and representatives of the non-Mapai labor parties in this country. Former Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion received an exuberant ovation when he entered the hall after the proceedings had got under way.

Much of Mr. Eshkol's address was devoted to a review of foreign affairs, although he spoke also of domestic matters. Regarding relations with the United States, he said--after assuring the convention that Israel-American relations are strong now: "I hope the wide agreement between us on essential problems--on water and on desalination--will stand. We also watch the United States intentions to help the cause of peace in this area in connection with the Arabs' search for arms and the action of the Arab countries which have established a combined command in order to attack Israel."

#### Eshkol Reiterates Warning to Arabs on Jordan Waters Issue

Touching on the Arab-Israeli situation, he told the convention: "No one should play with the idea that non-combat aggression, like that of diverting water sources, will remain without reaction on our part. We still hope that Lebanon will refrain from being swept by the negative, nationalistic notion of 'neither you nor me.' " That statement was a reference to plans announced for diverting Jordan River headwaters in Lebanon in such a manner that Lebanon would rather waste those waters than letting Israel benefit from their flow.

"But," continued Mr. Eshkol, "once we are faced with acts which mean that our essential irrigation waters will be taken away, we shall not hesitate and we will defend our state and our waters with all our might." He told the assembly that, "simultaneously with its defense ability, Israel's army must be in such a position that the enemy would have to take our reaction into account and will refrain from any adventures."

Touching briefly on relations with France, he said: "I am still convinced there will be no change in our friendly relations." He noted that he will meet with with Britain's Prime Minister Harold Wilson. "I hope," he said, "friendly declarations will be made

by the Labor Government personalities." He added that the background exists for friendly British-Israeli discussion of mutual problems.

#### Calls Attention to Recent Developments in Israel-German Relations

The Prime Minister called attention to the more recent developments in relations between Israel and Germany, which were debated in Parliament in Jerusalem yesterday. "Jewish morality," he said, "does not recognize the attitude of holding the son responsible for the sins of his father. But it is the sons that stand to the test now. And, in this test, we can see the terrible moral weakness in the yielding of the West German Government to the blackmail by Nasser.

"Israel," he continued, "does not accept the definition of 'zones of tension.' There can be no explanation for such yielding. There are attackers and there is Israel, which is the target of aggression. There is no justification for helping the attackers as there is no justification for prevention of aid for the victims of aggressions."

#### Says Israel Seeks to Improve Relations with Communist Lands

Mr. Eshkol touched on the government's relations with the Eastern bloc, saying that efforts have been made to improve relations between Israel and the Communist countries. He also expressed his "disappointment" over the attitude toward Israel on the part of Communist China, noting that "Israel recognizes the great importance of China in Asia and in the world."

Coming to domestic affairs, Mr. Eshkol predicted that, by the end of this decade, Israel will have a population of 3,000,000. Thus, he said, there will be a need for increased production and the "restraining" of private consumption without diminishing the country's standard of living. In spite of the shortage of water resources, he said, more settlements will be established in the Galilee region and elsewhere. Industrial developments, he said, will absorb 70,000 new workers before the end of the 60's.

He asked the country to increase its efforts to help the growth of more Jewish education in Jewish communities outside of Israel, and promote the integration of the non-Israeli Jewish communities with Israel's identity.

Pointing to the need for the growth of the country's educational system--especially in high schools and in all branches of science and technology--Mr. Eshkol predicted the development of "scientific kibbutzim." These, he said, will be composed of scientists and technicians aiding industry. He proposed that scientists and technicians here and abroad form cooperatives to help Israel establish new industries.

#### MAPAI PARTY CONVENTION OPENS UNDER SHADOW OF BEN-GURION -- ESHKOL RIFT

TEL AVIV, Feb. 16. (JTA) -- The Mapai Party, dominant political grouping of Israel, opened its annual convention here today amidst indications that the battle between former Premier David Ben-Gurion and Prime Minister Levi Eshkol may be beyond repair.

As both sides squared off for a tough battle before a record attendance of 2,263 delegates to the conference, Mr. Ben-Gurion and one of his journalistic supporters published sensational articles which, if anything, aggravated the situation.

The two principal items on which conflicts are certain to arise at the convention are Mr. Eshkol's plan for "alignment" of Mapai with another labor party, Ahdut Avodah, and Mr. Ben-Gurion's insistence that the Government set up a new judicial body to probe into the old, explosive Lavon issue. Neither of these issues is on the official agenda, but the Mapai secretariat said that delegates will be allowed to raise the topics from the floor.

Mr. Ben-Gurion had stated previously that he would not attend the convention and published, in today's newspapers, an article titled "In Lieu of an Address to the Convention." He has changed his mind and said today he will go to the convention, but his "in lieu" article, meanwhile, repeated his demand for electoral reform, charging that the present system is "undemocratic and ugly." He also touched on international affairs, taking a swipe at Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, who has been backing Mr. Eshkol.

The other publication consisted of excerpts from Mr. Ben-Gurion's forthcoming "white paper" on the Lavon affair. This book had been written for Mr. Ben-Gurion by Haggai Eshed, a local journalist. The excerpts furnished to the press by Mr. Eshed, contain hints which are not helpful to those trying to bring about conciliation between Ben-Gurion and Eshkol.

#### REP. FARBSTEIN HEADS CONGRESSIONAL BODY ON FOREIGN ECONOMIC POLICY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16. (JTA) -- Rep. Leonard Farbstein, New York Democrat, was today appointed chairman of the Subcommittee on Foreign Economic Policy of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs. He has been a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee since 1957.

In a statement delivered on the House floor, Rep. Farbstein expressed his shock that "the West German Government permitted itself to be intimidated by a would be Hitler in reversing its policy" on supplying arms to Israel.

## U. S., ISRAELI, EUROPEAN JEWISH LEADERS DISCUSS COMMUNITY PROBLEMS

PARIS, Feb. 16. (JTA) -- Jewish leaders from the United States, Israel and Europe held a two-day meeting here, which ended today, to explore Jewish community and social welfare problems of common interest to Jewries in all three areas. It was the first such meeting ever held.

Participating organizations were the Jewish Agency for Israel, the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, the Standing Conference of European Jewish Community Services and the American Joint Distribution Committee. The JDC served as host.

Subjects discussed during the sessions included Jewish education, Jewish community centers and youth activities, fund-raising, personnel recruiting and training, and means of combatting assimilatory trends. Speakers included Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Charles H. Jordan, European director general of the JDC, presided.

At the close of the discussions, a joint statement on the purposes and results of the meeting was issued by Dr. Astore Mayer of Milan, chairman of the Standing Conference; Zvi Lurie of Jerusalem, director of the Organization Department of the Jewish Agency; Irving Kane of Cleveland, former president and chairman of the overseas service committee of the CJFWE, and Mr. Jordan.

"The strengthening of Jewish community life, the welfare of the needy and the promotion of positive Jewish identification among members of the community have been matters of Jewish concern from time immemorial," the statement said. "Thus we called this meeting to discuss these common aims and the problems arising in their fulfillment."

### 10,000,000 Jews in Free World Represented at the Discussions

Commenting that the number of Jews in the communities represented at the meeting was close to 10,000,000, the statement added that "the vast majority of these Jews live in freedom to practice their faiths and beliefs."

"We came to no definite conclusions at this meeting," the statement continued. "It was the first such meeting ever called and it was an exploratory meeting to discuss Jewish community and welfare problems."

The statement noted that there was a sufficient community of opinion to warrant further action leading to definite conclusions and programs. "We have made a beginning and it may well lead to a program of mutual cooperation for Jews throughout the world on those non-political goals on which all Jews can unite," the statement said.

The need to open more Jewish schools and to further contribute to the strengthening of the French Jewish community was stressed at another Jewish conference in Paris. The occasion was an extraordinary conclave called by the French Zionist Federation as a sequel to the 26th World Zionist Congress in Jerusalem last month. Speakers agreed that one of the best ways to strengthen the 500,000-member French Jewish community was by encouraging the community's cultural life, with schools and other institutes of learning. Dr. Goldmann addressed the delegates.

## JEWISH COLONIZATION ASSOCIATION EXPANDS WORK IN ISRAEL, SOUTH AMERICA

LONDON, Feb. 16. (JTA) -- The Jewish Colonization Association has signed an agreement with the Jewish Agency providing for a joint venture in which two agricultural settlements of 60 farm units each will be established in the Biranit area of Israel's Galilee region.

This was announced here today at the annual meeting of the JCA Council at which Sir Henry d'Avigdor Goldsmid was re-elected president and Rene Mayer of France and Max Gottschalk of Belgium were named vice-presidents.

In approving the annual budget for the Association's work in various countries, the Council provided for continued aid to projects already established by the JCA by means of credits and funds for short-term farming loans and the financing of new construction.

Following a proposal by V. Girmounsky, director general of the organization who recently visited South America, the Council approved a number of measures concerning colonization work in Argentina and Brazil. Further credits were voted for the speeding up of integration of recent immigrants, for the upkeep of vocational courses in Rio de Janeiro and in the region of JCA colonies in Argentina.

The Council also voted to renew the collaboration between the JCA and Hias in the field of assistance to Jewish migrants which was carried out in the years between the two world wars.

## JEWISH CONGRESS SEEKS 'FAIR SABBATH' EXEMPTION FOR BUSINESS IN N. Y.

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 16. (JTA) -- A 300-member delegation of the American Jewish Congress today urged Gov. Rockefeller and leaders of the New York State Legislature to enact a statewide "Fair Sabbath" law to exempt persons observing as their Sabbath a day other than Sunday from the state ban on conducting business on Sunday.

The delegation also asked for broader powers for the State Commission on Human Rights authorizing it to initiate complaints and fix fines against violators of anti-discrimination laws.

ITALIAN PARLIAMENT TO DISCUSS BAN ON PRESENTING 'THE DEPUTY' IN ROME

ROME, Feb. 16. (JTA) -- The right of an Italian drama troupe to present "The Deputy," the Rolf Hochhuth play about the late Pope Pius XII and the Nazi destruction of European Jewry, will be discussed in Parliament tomorrow when Interior Minister Emilio Taviani will reply to complaints filed with Premier Aldo Moro against a police ban on the play here.

Rome officials invoked the Vatican Concordat, the 1929 agreement between Mussolini and the Catholic Church as a reason for banning the play, which accuses the late Pontiff of remaining silent during the wartime mass murders of Jews. Under the Concordat, police said, "The Deputy" could be banned as being in conflict with the Government's recognition of Rome as the "episcopal seat of the Supreme Pontiff."

A troupe tried to stage a rehearsal of "The Deputy" before an invited audience Sunday night but police barred the audience. The play was performed last night in the balcony of a Rome book store. The Sunday night effort led to a riot in which some persons were injured in trying to fight past the police to enter the theater. The troupe yielded to the ban today as the issue moved toward Parliamentary consideration. L'Osservatore Romano, official organ of the Vatican, voiced strong objections to any performance of the play in Rome.

A. C. L. U. PROTESTS CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION OF AMERICAN NAZI PARTY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16. (JTA) -- A protest against the possibility that the House Un-American Activities Committee may probe the activities of the American Nazi Party, the Ku Klux Klan and other elements of the "radical right" was filed with the committee here today by the American Civil Liberties Union.

Conceding that "the record shows" that the organizations named "engage in acts of physical harassment and violence," the ACLU contended, nevertheless, that the committee had "no authority whatever" to probe into these matters.

Rep. Edwin E. Willis, Louisiana Democrat, who is chairman of the committee, announced last weekend that the group has ordered a staff study to help it determine whether it should investigate the Nazi Party, the KKK, Black Muslims and the Minutemen. Such an investigation, the Louisiana Congressman said today, "would provide badly needed information," but it may be "some time" before the HUAC decides on the probe.

11,000 PERSONALITIES LISTED IN NEW EDITION OF 'WHO'S WHO IN WORLD JEWRY'

NEW YORK, Feb. 16. (JTA) -- A new, enlarged 1,100-page edition of "Who's Who in World Jewry," containing biographical sketches of more than 11,000 Jews throughout the world, was published by the David McKay Company, Inc. today. The new edition, edited by Harry Schneiderman and I. J. Carmin Karpman, includes biographical sketches of about 8,000 Americans, 1,600 Israelis, and, in all, includes representatives of 20 countries.

Of the 11,000 biographies, the largest group is in sciences and medicine, slightly over 2,000. The breakdown of other groups included in the new "Who's Who" are more than 1,600 in commerce and industry, almost 1,400 in law, including 110 judges, 1,600 college professors and educators, almost 1,000 rabbis, 1,500 in the arts, a little less than half of whom are writers and the other half musicians, artists, sculptors and actors, almost 1,000 public officials, and nearly 400 social and communal workers.

Of the almost 8,000 Americans listed in the new "Who's Who," more than 5,000 are native born with the remaining 3,000 born abroad, mainly in Central and Eastern Europe. The largest single age group of Americans is in the age group between 45 and 50. Of the 11,000 persons included in the "Who's Who," a little less than 3,000 about 25 per cent, are women.

"The biographies of 11,000 distinguished Jews throughout the world, veritably a living Hall of Fame, is visible evidence of what a small minority of the world's people has contributed to the betterment of all humanity," Dr. Harry Cohen, honorary president of the project, stated. The two co-editors of the revised edition have distinguished records. Mr. Carmin Karpman is executive vice-president of the "Encyclopaedia Judaica," a new 15-volume project now being edited by noted American and Israeli scholars.

BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY GETS 25-ROOM MANSION AS GIFT; LOCATED NEAR CAMPUS

WALTAH Mass., Feb. 16. (JTA) -- Brandeis University announced today that a \$350,000 25-room mansion, which has been used by the university since 1962, has been made an outright gift by Mrs. Boice Gross, wife of a prominent San Francisco Attorney.

Themis House, the mansion, which is located a few miles from Waltham, and which is now being completely redecorated, will be used by the University as an off-campus conference site, similar to Columbia University's Arden House. The mansion was most recently used to house a group of Peace Corps volunteers who were trained at Brandeis and are now on assignment in Bolivia.