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### SECRETARY RUSK EXPLAINS U.S. POLICY ON SUPPLYING ARMS TO ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- Secretary of State Dean Rusk told a press conference today that it was the policy of the United States not to be active in supplying arms to Israel, because this country uses its influence in attempts to "put a ceiling" on arms race in that area.

Mr. Rusk declined to answer a question as to whether the United States would undertake to supply the arms which Israel lost because of the West German cancellation of its contract.

Explaining the reasons of the United States not involving itself directly as a supplier of arms to Israel, Mr. Rusk said this country is interested in a reasonable balance of armed forces in the Near East. Western Europe is the primary supplier for Israel, he said. He stressed that the United States tried not to be actively involved in furnishing arms to Israel, although there had been some exceptions in the past.

The Secretary also said the United States has not looked with favor on the reception accorded East German Communist leader Walter Ulbricht by Egypt, because the United States considers Bonn the responsible German Government and the U.S.A. does not favor any treatment of East Germany that enhances the position of the Communist regime or undermines Bonn.

Deputy Prime Minister Abba Eban of Israel said today after a 45-minute meeting with Undersecretary of State George Ball that a general conversation took place on matters of mutual interest. He declined to elaborate, stating it was a courtesy call. He would also not respond to questions on the visit of special envoy W. Averell Harriman to Israel. He was accompanied by Ambassador Avraham Harman.

### HARRIMAN CONVEYS JOHNSON'S GREETINGS TO ISRAEL; STARTS SECRET TALKS

JERUSALEM, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- After conveying "warm greetings" to Israel "from President Johnson and on behalf of the American people," Undersecretary of State W. Averell Harriman held his first secret conference here today with Premier Levi Eshkol, attended also by Foreign Minister Golda Meir, Deputy Defense Minister Shimon Peres and Israel's Chief of Staff, Gen. Yitzhak Rabin. American Ambassador Watworth Barbour also attended the first talks today, as did Robert Komer and Earl Russell, the aides who accompanied Mr. Harriman to Israel.

Diplomatic sources here discounted reports that Mr. Harriman's mission was to act as a mediator in the crisis between Israel and West Germany, caused by the latter country's cancellation of arms shipments to Israel. Referring to a report about United States "good offices" purportedly emanating from State Department quarters, the sources here said they were not aware of any such intentions in the State Department.

Mr. Harriman said he was pleased to be in Israel again--he visited Israel in 1955, when he was New York Governor--and declared he would like to see at first hand the progress made in Israel since the 1955 visit. "There was profound respect in the United States for the accomplishments of the people of Israel," he stated.

Mr. Harriman told the Israelis that these were "trying times" in the world and that the Middle East was not excluded from that. He expressed hope for cooperation with the Israel Government "now as in the past."

### German Leader Hails U.S. for Sending Harriman to Israel

BONN, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- A leader of Chancellor Ludwig Erhard's Christian Democratic Party said today that the Harriman mission to help West Germany resolve its difficulties with Israel has had a good effect on Germans, although the United States has failed to take responsibility for providing effective leadership for Western policy in the Near East.

Ernest Majonica, a foreign affairs expert of the party, told the American businessmen's club here, that German authorities hope that Mr. Harriman will succeed in persuading Israel to accept the termination of German arms shipments. He voiced hope that Mr. Harriman will manage to get Israel to agree to a substitute deal.

'PRESIDENTS CONFERENCE' URGES U.S. TO ASK GERMANY TO SEND ARMS TO ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- A decision to urge the Johnson Administration to persuade West Germany to restore the "fragile balance" in the Middle East by resuming arms deliveries to Israel was adopted at a meeting of the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations, a body composed of presidents of 29 leading Jewish groups in this country.

The announcement of the decision was made today by Dr. Joachim Prinz, chairman of the Conference. He said there was unanimous agreement among the Jewish organizations that the Bonn regime's action in cutting off military supplies to Israel constituted a grave threat to world peace. "We shall urge the United States to use its good offices to persuade West Germany to remain faithful to its commitments and to resist Egyptian threats motivated by a publicly declared intention to destroy Israel," he declared. "Neither as Americans nor as Jews do we intend to remain silent witnesses to the unfolding of these events."

The American Jewish leader voiced "bitter disappointment" at what he described as "the pervasive immorality of West Germany's attempt to purchase diplomatic advantage by dealing in the security of Israel, a country established to give haven to those Jews who managed to survive the Hitler holocaust and for whose safety Germany must feel forever responsible. We hope the German government harbors no illusion that it has already provided sufficient proof of a new moral posture. This would be a tragic misreading of German responsibility after World War II.

"By surrendering to Nasser's threats and halting arms shipments to Israel, West Germany has disavowed its solemn commitments, but despite this unilateral repudiation these commitments remain alive and binding," Dr. Prinz stressed. He said it was ironic that West Germany's "retreat from principle" had served no purpose "other than to exacerbate world tensions."

U. N. SECRETARY-GENERAL CONFERS WITH ISRAELI ENVOY ON BORDER CLASHES

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Feb. 25. (JTA) -- Secretary General U Thant, who recently sent a special mission to Israel and Jordan to probe Israel's complaints to him about a month-long series of attacks by Jordanian troops against Israel border patrols along virtually the entire Israel-Jordan frontier, conferred here today with Israel's Ambassador Michael S. Comay about the report he has received from that mission.

The meeting took place after Mr. Thant had issued a brief report about the mission, in which he stated that he hoped both governments concerned, Jordan and Israel, would "do their best to avoid future incidents and to maintain quiet along their borders." Today's talk, it was said, was "a continuation" of the mission's work. One of the two members of the special team, Pier Spinelli, attended the conference, along with Undersecretary Ralph J. Bunche, who is in charge of special political affairs on the highest Secretariat level, and Lt. Col. Yacov Montaz of Israel's permanent delegation here.

JEWISH COMMITTEE LAUDS BONN'S NEW STAND ON STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS

NEW YORK, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- Morris B. Abram, president of the American Jewish Committee, hailed as "a victory for the Rule of Law" the news that the West German Cabinet had voted unanimously to support the proposed extension of the Statute of Limitations for the prosecution of Nazi war criminals beyond the May 7 deadline. He had made a personal appeal for such extension last month in a visit to Justice Minister Ewald Bucher in Bonn.

Mr. Abram, a noted constitutional lawyer who served on the prosecution staff of the Nuremberg trials, said today: "We applaud the action of the West German Cabinet, and hope that the Bundestag will translate this recommendation into law. We are particularly happy that this is being done within the framework of the Rule of Law, to which we at the American Jewish Committee are completely dedicated." In his visit with Dr. Bucher on January 18, Mr. Abram urged that the Statute of Limitations be extended to the year 1975.

JEWS IN MOSCOW FEAR PROVINCIAL TOWNS MAY FAIL TO GET MATZOH

NEW YORK, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- While matzoh is being baked in Moscow by permission of the Soviet Government, private Jewish sources expressed concern in the Soviet capital that the situation in Moscow "may not be typical" of other Jewish communities in the USSR, the New York Times reported from Moscow today. (The news about permission to bake matzoh in Moscow was carried by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in a dispatch from Moscow on February 8.)

The Times report stated that communal matzoh bakeries have also been established in Leningrad and "perhaps" in Kiev. But the private sources told the Times correspondent in Moscow that Jews in other parts of the Soviet Union have not received permission to bake matzoh. They urged that Jews in the United States and Western Europe should not give up their efforts to ship matzoh to Jewish communities in the Soviet Union.

SYRIAN JEW CLOSE TO GOVERNMENT IS ACCUSED OF SPYING FOR ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- A Syrian military court is now conducting a trial in which a Damascus Jew named Effie Cohen has been accused of spying on behalf of Israel, the New York Times reported today from Beirut.

According to the dispatch, which stated that the trial in Damascus was being conducted secretly and has not been reported in the Syrian press, Cohen is a wealthy Syrian Jew who had left his country for Israel, allegedly obtained training in espionage from the Israeli intelligence, then went to Egypt, and finally re-immigrated to Syria, where he became one of the financial backers of the Baath Party.

He was presumably arrested recently when he accompanied Gen. Fikri Amer, the Egyptian chief of staff and head of the so-called Unified Arab Command, on an inspection trip of the Israel-Syrian border. There, according to the Syrian charges, he was recognized as a "spy" by Egyptian intelligence officers. Previously, according to the dispatch, he had accompanied Syria's former Premier Salah el-Bitar on a trip to Jordan. He was reportedly trusted so fully by the Baath leaders in Syria that some of the members of the military court now trying him had been among his close associates.

PUBLICATION OF BOOK ON 'LAVON AFFAIR' REGRETTED BY ISRAEL CABINET

JERUSALEM, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- Members of the Cabinet voiced regret today over the publication of excerpts in serial form of a new book, "The Lavon Affair," written by a journalist, Haggai Eshed, on instructions of former Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion.

While parts of the book were cleared by the Israeli military censors, the Defense Ministry recently issued a warning against the publication of the book since it was commissioned while Mr. Ben-Gurion was Defense Minister and was considered Government property. Mr. Ben-Gurion, however, did not heed the warning.

Premier Eshkol brought the matter before the Cabinet after Herut and the Liberals submitted urgent motions to the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, demanding a debate on the matter. The left-wing Mapam party also submitted to the Premier a Parliamentary question asking why, if the Cabinet had agreed that publication would be harmful and that the content was Defense Ministry property, the Government had not acted to prevent publication.

Today the Parliament rejected the motions for debate on publication of the excerpt and voted to remove the topic from its agenda. Justice Minister Dov Joseph said the Government regretted the publication. He added that "since the occurrence of the events in 1954," a reference to the security disaster of that year for which Ben-Gurion forced Lavon's ouster as Defense Minister, "suitable steps have been taken to make a recurrence of such events impossible."

ISRAEL MINISTRY WITHDRAWS REQ/LL OF PASSPORT FROM RINA EITANI

JERUSALEM, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- The Interior Ministry withdrew today its demand that Mrs. Rina Eitani, a member of the Upper Nazareth City Council, should hand in her passport pending clarification of her nationality status. The investigation has sparked a controversy in Israel.

The Ministry contended that since she had a non-Jewish mother, she was not entitled to automatic Israeli citizenship under the Law of the Return. Mrs. Eitani was recorded in the 1948 census as being of Jewish nationality. She received Israeli citizenship in 1952 under the Law of the Return and in 1961 she received a passport which was renewed in 1964. Last December, the Interior Ministry asked her to hand in her passport and the issue was raised in Israel's Parliament.

ISRAEL PRESIDENT PAYS TRIBUTE TO FRANKFURTER; REC/LLS HIS WORK

JERUSALEM, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- President Zalman Shazar paid tribute today to Felix Frankfurter, recalling the late former Supreme Court Justice's work for the Zionist movement and his "considerable political aid" to Israel in "its most difficult hour."

President Shazar made the tribute at a farewell reception for Supreme Court Justice Yitzhak Olshan who has reached the compulsory Court retirement age of 70. Justice Olshan recalled that in 1948, when the Israel Supreme Court issued its first ruling, Justice Frankfurter asked for the complete text of the judgment and later praised it as an example of jurisprudence.

President Shazar cited the exchange of letters between Mr. Frankfurter and Emir Feisal in 1919, when Feisal was head of the Arab delegation at the Versailles Peace Conference. Feisal wrote that the Arabs "look with deepest sympathy on the Zionist movement" and "will wish the Jews a most hearty welcome home."

Justice Olshan, the only survivor of the five jurists who constituted Israel's first Supreme Court, will be succeeded as president by Justice Shimon Agranat.

## TEMPERS RUN HIGH AT SENATE HEARING ON LIBERALIZATION OF IMMIGRATION

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- An assertion by a North Carolina Senator that immigrants from Anglo-Saxon nations deserved preference caused a heated eruption at a hearing of a Senate Immigration Subcommittee yesterday.

Sen. Sam J. Ervin, Jr., North Carolina Democrat, made known his opposition to President Johnson's bill to end the discriminatory national origins quota system. He told the Committee the bill "discriminates against the people who have made the greatest contribution to building up our country." He said persons from nations like Germany, England, Holland, Sweden, and Norway deserved preferential treatment.

This infuriated Sen. Jacob K. Javits, New York Republican, who took exception to these views, speaking "as the son of immigrant parents." He defended immigrants from Eastern Europe, Italy, and other areas, stating they had contributed as much as those from the "Nordic" nations.

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, Massachusetts Democrat who served as acting chairman of the Subcommittee, ruled Sen. Javits out of order. He said Sen. Javits was only entitled to ask a question pertaining to testimony given today by Secretary of State Dean Rusk. Mr. Rusk, in reply to Sen. Javits' question, said he would agree that "we should not attempt to judge the value of contributions to our society based on race and national origin." He said valuable contributions were made by individuals from all parts of the world.

In his testimony, Mr. Rusk stressed that the Administration bill provided for termination of the biased national origins quota system. He urged the Senate to approve the measure, stating that the prejudiced immigration policy now in effect damages American prestige abroad.

Secretary of Labor W. Willard Wirtz said today that the Administration's proposals for changes in the immigration laws "would promote the admission of individuals with qualifications and occupations needed in the United States." He stressed that such immigration law changes would not disturb the domestic employment situation and appealed to Congress to end the "anachronistic" national origins quota system.

## CONGRESSMAN URGES INVESTIGATION OF ANTI-SEMITIC U.S. YOUTH GROUP

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- Investigation by the House Committee on Un-American Activities of the "Christian Youth Corps," described as an anti-Semitic group trying to activate "an army of hate" among college students, was asked today by Rep. Richard Schweiker, Pennsylvania Republican.

Rep. Schweiker said the St. Petersburg, Fla., organization had mailed many students "a vile anti-Semitic letter" which sought to equate Judaism with Communism. The letter urged students to equip themselves with guns and ammunition for "guerilla warfare" against Jews. He identified the group's leaders as Col. Oren Potito and Lt. Philip Le Bus.

## CANADIAN NETWORK DEFENDS ITS TELEVISION INTERVIEWS WITH ANTI-SEMITES

MONTREAL, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation has defended several telecasts of interviews with distributors of hate material on grounds that it is better to expose such activities than allowing them to foster, "the Canadian Jewish Congress has reported.

The CBC took that position in reply to a protest from the Jewish organization against such interviews, which were presented as one element of an overall report by the network on hate literature in Canada. The network said that a complete report required information on "the distribution of such literature, who the distributors are, how they operate and what makes them think the way they do."

The network conceded that "there are dangers in over-exposure" and added that it was not its purpose "to provide a propaganda platform for any person or movement. The line between implementing the right of the public to be informed and the creation of a public platform may be a fine one indeed and one on which there will inevitably be differences of opinion."

The Canadian Jewish Congress, commenting on the reply, said it has consistently argued that in fact the programs gave a platform to peddlers of hate material rather than exposing them.

## JEWISH WOMAN NAMED BY C.J.C. IS APPOINTED TO MONTREAL EDUCATION BOARD

MONTREAL, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- A woman active in Jewish communal affairs was appointed today to the Board of Elementary Education of Montreal, after being nominated for the post by the Canadian Jewish Congress. She is Mrs. Sarah Paltiel. The appointment was made by the Superior Council of Education in Quebec. The Council had asked the CJC to nominate "competent" candidates for the 15-member Board of Elementary Education.