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## ISRAEL SEES POSSIBILITY OF GETTING U. S. ARMS FOLLOWING HARRIMAN'S VISIT

JERUSALEM, March 1. (JTA) -- The possibility that the United States may openly provide arms to Israel, to make up for West Germany's cancellation of such shipments, was seen here today as W. Averell Harriman, U. S. Under Secretary of State and Washington's special envoy, left here late tonight after completing five days of highly-secret conferences with Israel's topmost governmental leaders, headed by Prime Minister Levi Eshkol. He flew to Kabul, Afghanistan, and will then go to India.

While the black-out on official announcements about the talks continued in effect--as it has since Mr. Harriman opened his conversations here and at Tel Aviv last Thursday--informed circles stated that progress seems to have been achieved concerning Israel's request for "non-secret" supplies of arms from the U. S. A.

(Reports from Cairo today said Egypt has been mobilizing troops and conducting military maneuvers in the Gaza Strip area bordering Israel, and has called into active service several thousand army reservists. The report stated that the Gaza Strip has been sealed off against any visits by foreigners.)

The conferences with Mr. Harriman continued today right up to his departure, and a joint communique was being drafted by both sides. It was predicted that the communique would not go beyond generalities, since Mr. Harriman had come here without a clear mandate from the Johnson Administration for entering into hard commitments.

During his talks, not only with Premier Eshkol but also with Foreign Minister Golda Meir and Deputy Defense Minister Shimon Peres, Mr. Harriman is known to have shown understanding of Israel's position on most of the major issues under consideration. Regarding open American arms supplies to Israel, the talks are believed to have built a positive framework within which further conferences would be held in Washington, with the possible participation of both Mrs. Meir and Mr. Peres.

The United States, it was learned here, seems to feel that it is able to prevent the Arabs from encroaching upon Israel's Jordan water rights, but the Israelis believe that the very threat by the Arabs, and their promise of early moves toward Jordan River diversion, are in themselves issues that must be halted in their early stages. However, on a wide range of other problems pertaining to the Middle East, and Israel's constructive role in the area, there appeared to be no divergence between the basic thinking of the American and the Israeli Governments, as revealed during the Harriman-Eshkol talks.

## ISRAEL COMPLAINS TO U. N. SECURITY COUNCIL ON TERRORISM FROM JORDAN

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., March 1. (JTA) -- Israel today filed with the Security Council a sharp complaint against Jordan, charging the Arab Government with serious violations of the Jordan-Israel armistice agreement and with endangering the peace of the area. Israel revealed at the same time that saboteurs obviously being sheltered by Jordan have carried out three separate efforts at terrorism inside Israel in the last two months.

The complaint was lodged by Israel's permanent representative here, Ambassador Michael S. Comay. The Israel representative requested that his letter of protest be circulated to all members of the Security Council, but avoided asking that the Council convoke any sessions on the issue.

According to the letter, an attack very early yesterday morning at Kfar Hess, in Israel central area, about five miles from the Jordanian border, was only one of a series of similar recent efforts. At Kfar Hess, two separate explosions damaged the small farm settlement's silo and blew up part of a house where members of the settlement were asleep. No one was injured. Israeli border patrols and army units traced the tracks of three men back to the Jordanian frontier.

On January 7, Mr. Comay reported, a group of armed infiltrators was intercepted by an Israeli patrol near Nechushah, another village, remote from Kfar Hess and less than two miles from the Jordanian border. One of the infiltrators was wounded and

captured, while the others escaped across the frontier. The man caught admitted under interrogation by United Nations military observers that he was a member of a unit of anti-Israeli saboteurs at work inside Jordan. He had explosive hidden in his gear when captured;

On January 21, Mr. Comay continued, explosives were discovered in place at the water dam in the new town of Arad; Both Arad, which is about 12 miles from Jordan and overlooks the Dead Sea, and Nechushah are in the Hebron area.

All these acts and efforts, Mr. Comay complained, are "gross violations" of the Jordan-Israel armistice agreement of 1949 and "endanger peace in the area." The Government of Jordan, he stated in his letter, "must accept full responsibility" for the activities of the sabotage groups in its area;

It is believed here that the saboteurs from Jordan are members of a group called the Fatah, comprised of so-called Arab refugees working under the domination of the Unified Arab Command established to carry out systematic attacks against Israel.

#### Knesset to Discuss Jordan's Sending Saboteurs Into Israel

JERUSALEM, March 1. (JTA) -- Jordan's recent series of aggressions against Israel, including its evident harboring of saboteurs carrying out systematic infiltrations into Israel, will be discussed in the Knesset (Parliament) Wednesday, it was announced here today.

While the motion for a debate on the gravity with which Israel views Jordan's latest armistice agreement violations was filed in the Knesset by Herut, an opposition party, the Parliament's presidium immediately approved Herut's insistence on an "urgent" discussion of the issue;

#### FRANCE STARTS NEGOTIATIONS WITH EGYPT ON EXPANDING TRADE RELATIONS

PARIS, March 1. (JTA) -- An official French delegation of eight representatives of various ministries has begun negotiations in Cairo for "the expansion of trade relations" between France and Egypt, it was announced here today. The delegation includes officials from the Foreign Ministry and the Ministries of Industry, Trade and Agriculture, and is headed by Maurice de Courson, of the Foreign Ministry, who holds the rank of special envoy and minister plenipotentiary. The negotiations, it was announced, are taking place within the framework of the Franco-Egyptian trade agreement signed last year.

Meanwhile, Cairo dispatches received by the French press today reported that another delegation, headed by Emmanuel Mayolle, vice-president of the French National Association of Industrialists, finished a 10-day visit to Egypt today, after concluding negotiations for French participation in Egypt's forthcoming five-year development plan.

On behalf of the industrialists and bankers on the delegation, M. Mayolle was reported here telling the Egyptian press that the group "intends, upon its return to France, to call on French industrial circles to closely and sympathetically examine their possible participation in the realization of Egypt's five-year development plan."

#### LEADERS OF LIBERAL PARTY AND HERUT CONFER ON JOINT ELECTION LIST

TEL AVIV, March 1. (JTA) -- Representatives of two of Israel's opposition parties, the Liberals and Herut, met here today to open negotiations for a possible "united front" list of candidates to be slated by the parties for the next national elections to the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, scheduled to be held in November. Leaders of both parties conferred here a few days earlier and decided to start "practical discussions" for a joint elections list.

The central committee of the Liberal Party, approved last week by a 60 to 40 vote, the proposal to appoint a special committee to negotiate the formation of an election bloc with Herut which had already announced its readiness to negotiate. A proposal by former Justice Minister Pinhas Rosen to postpone discussion of the alignment until after the Knesset elections later this year was defeated.

After the vote on the issue, Knesset Member Moshe Kol announced that the opponents of the alignment decision would boycott all party activities unless the decision was reversed. He said the decision meant a lack of confidence in those who had brought about the union between the General Zionists and the Progressives, since it is the latter group that is generally opposing alignment with Herut.

Joseph Saphir, of the General Zionist wing of the Liberal Party, appealed to the opponents of the decision to await the results of the negotiations with Herut before taking any steps;

## ANTI-SEMITIC CAMPAIGN ON STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS ISSUE STARTED IN GERMANY

BONN, March 1. (JTA) -- A campaign to prevent the extension of the Statute of Limitations, which limits the prosecution of Nazi war criminals after May 8, was started today by the right-wing Deutsche National-Zeitung and Soldaten-Zeitung which has a large circulation among Germans who formerly served in the German armed forces.

In an outspoken anti-Semitic front-page article, carrying the headline "Capitulation Before World Judaism," the newspaper dealt with the debate now going on in West Germany over the extension of the statute of limitations. "German politicians," the paper wrote, "have given in to Jewish blackmail and pressure to prolong the statute of limitations."

Meanwhile, it was reported today from Prague that the Czechoslovak Justice Ministry transmitted to Bonn recently-discovered Nazi documents on killings of European resistance fighters and of many thousands of Jews. The report said that documents on 400 cases which required immediate attention had been transmitted to West German authorities in support of those seeking the prolongation of the prosecution of Nazis.

### All Parties in Denmark Demand German Extension of Nazi Trials

COPENHAGEN, March 1; (JTA) -- Speaking on behalf of all Danish parties, Per Kaekkerup, the Foreign Minister, declared in Parliament that "deep concern" had been expressed to West Germany over the inaction on extension of the statute of limitations effective date.

He said that conference in West Germany would be weakened if the May 8 cutoff on prosecution of Nazi criminals was permitted to stand. Earlier a meeting on the issue took place attended by representatives of the parties and former war prisoners and members of the anti-Nazi underground movement.

### London Mass Meeting Asks for Prolongation of Prosecution of Nazis

LONDON, March 1. (JTA) -- A mass meeting called to protest West Germany's inaction on extension of the statute of limitations for the prosecution of Nazi war criminals adopted a resolution last night warning of the urgent need for such an extension. If no action is taken, the statute will go into effect next May 8.

The resolution said that, if that happened, "criminals will escape trial and responsibility for their crimes" and "inevitable consequence must be to encourage a revival of the growth of anti-Semitism and racialism not only in Germany but throughout the world, a grievous setback to German democracy."

Speakers included several members of Parliament and Sir Barnett Janner, all of whom castigated the West German Government on the issue. Sir Barnett, however, was the only speaker who also denounced West Germany for its action two weeks ago in halting arms shipments to Israel. Other speakers attacked West German officials for "reluctance" to prosecute Nazis, for permitting the existence of a Nazi underground aiding fellow-Nazis to escape arrest, the presence of former Nazis in government positions and for tolerating anti-Jewish propaganda in right-wing newspapers.

### Silent Demonstrations in Paris Against Ending Prosecution of Nazis

PARIS, March 1. (JTA) -- Two solemn rites were conducted here yesterday by war veterans, members of the French Parliament and leaders of the French Jewish community, protesting against plans in West Germany to halt further prosecutions of Nazi war criminals when the German statute of limitations in such cases goes into effect May 8.

One of the demonstrations was held at the Crypt of Deportation on the Ile la Cité, in the heart of Paris. The other took place in front of the Tomb to the Unknown Jewish Martyr. The 400 participants represented various war veteran groups, including the Jewish War Veterans, and organized former victims and deportees who had suffered under the Nazi regime.

The demonstrators, who marched silently to the two sites but carried the official flag and emblems of the various groups, had been organized by the Council of Jews of France. Among the prominent personalities attending the rites were Israel Ambassador Walter Eytan; and Prof. Rene Cassin, vice-president of the French Council of State.

### SWASTIKAS AND 'JEW GO AWAY' SMEARED ON DOORS IN WEST BERLIN

WEST BERLIN, March 1. (JTA) -- Police continued a hunt today for the vandals who smeared the elevator and the doors of the office of the West Berlin Social Democratic chairman with the words, "Jews Go Away" and swastikas.

The Social Democratic weekly, "The Voice," speculated that there might be a link between the smearing and the fact that the party has criticized Egypt and Chancellor Ludwig Erhard for the suspension of arms shipments to Israel.

SO. AFRICAN NEWSPAPERS INJECT RACIAL ORIGIN IN ELECTION CAMPAIGN

JOHANNESBURG, March 1. (JTA) -- Sharp criticisms were voiced here today against two pro-Government dailies that have listed the "racial origin" of candidates in the forthcoming elections to the Provincial Council. In their listings, these newspapers have added the identifications "Jewish," "Greek-English," "English" and "Afrikaans" after the names of the candidates.

Dirk Richard, editor of the Nationalist weekly, Dagbreek, which is also pro-Government, declared today that this procedure "could only give grounds of indulgence in racialism." A spokesman for the United Party attacked the practice as "an attempt at isolating Jewish candidates." Other opposition members in Parliament also criticized the new practice.

WORLD HEBREW UNION STARTS TEACHING HEBREW TO PASSENGERS ON SHIPS

NEW YORK, March 1. (JTA) -- The World Hebrew Union has undertaken the sponsorship of a program aimed at providing steamship passengers bound for Israel with proficiency in Hebrew speaking by the time of their arrival in Haifa. The program was inaugurated on an experimental basis aboard the Greek liner Olympia where the passengers will be offered two hours of Hebrew instruction daily with the goal of providing them with a basic 500-word Hebrew vocabulary.

The instructor for the experimental program is Aaron Kaniel, who is supervisor of adult education with the Israel Ministry of Education and Culture. The shipboard instruction is supplemented by illustrated lectures, documentary films in English and film strips providing cultural and geographic information about Israel. If the program is successful, it might be extended to the passenger liners of the Zim Lines plying between New York and Haifa.

NEW BOOK BY A. TABACHNICK, MEMBER OF J. T. A., EDITORIAL STAFF, PUBLISHED

NEW YORK, March 1. (JTA) -- A book of essays on Jewish poetry, entitled, "Poets and Poetry," by Avrohom B. Tabachnik, a Yiddish editor of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, was published here today. Mr. Tabachnik is one of the leading Jewish poets and literary critics in this country.

The 500page volume deals in depth with Yiddish verse in the United States. The author analyzes the works of such poets as Morris Rosenfeld, Yehoash, A. Lyesin, Mani Leib, H. Leivick, M. L. Halperin and Zisha Landau, who are considered classics in Yiddish poetry, as well as the works of younger poets of prominence. He also deals with the traditions that prevailed in Jewish poetry, and the revolt against those traditions by some of the contemporary Jewish poets. The book is considered a major contribution to the study of Jewish literature. This is the sixth volume authored by Mr. Tabachnik.

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS ESTABLISHES CHAIR FOR JUDAIC STUDIES

ST. LOUIS, March 1. (JTA) -- Rabbi Steven S. Schwarzschild has been appointed to a new Chair of Judaic Studies at Washington University here, it was announced today by Chancellor Thomas H. Eliot. The appointment is effective July 1.

The chair was made possible, on a five-year trial basis, through gifts to the university raised by the St. Louis chapter of the American Jewish committee, which directed an effort to raise \$75,000 to endow the chair. The University has purchased a \$21,000 Hebraic library for use by Rabbi Schwarzschild. He will teach Jewish thought and philosophy from the Middle Ages to the present.

VIENNA JEWS MOURN DEATH OF AUSTRIAN PRESIDENT; HOLD MEMORIAL SERVICE

VIENNA, March 1. (JTA) -- Memorial services were held by the Vienna Jewish community here today for the late Austrian President Adolf Schaerf, who died here yesterday at the age of 75.

One of the leading fighters for democracy in Austria, Adolf Schaerf was an ardent fighter against Nazism, and was arrested a number of times during the Nazi occupation of Austria. After World War II, he fought against neo-Nazism. He was one of the foremost supporters of demands here for restitution for victims of Nazism.

RABBI ARTOM, DEAN OF RABBINICAL COLLEGE IN ITALY, DEAD; WAS 78

ROME, March 1. (JTA) -- Rabbi Eliyahu Samuel Artom, one of the outstanding spiritual leaders of the Jewish community in this country, and dean of the Rabbinical College in Italy, died here this weekend at the age of 78.

The remains were flown today to Israel for burial, after solemn rites in front of the Great Synagogue here, where a eulogy was delivered by Chief Rabbi Elio Toaff. Representatives of virtually every Jewish community and organization in Italy attended the rites, as well as large numbers of Jews living in Rome.