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### GERMAN CHANCELLOR'S ENVOY ARRIVES IN ISRAEL FOR SECOND ROUND OF TALKS

JERUSALEM, March 17. (JTA) -- Dr. Kurt Birrenbach, West German Chancellor Ludwig Erhard's personal emissary, arrived in Israel today for a second round of talks on West German-Israeli relations.

He declined comment on the content of the talks he will have with Premier Levi Eshkol, Deputy Premier Abba Eban and other Israeli officials, saying only that his second visit would last two or three days. His first visit to Israel last week was followed by Israel Cabinet and Parliamentary approval of West Germany's offer of diplomatic recognition.

An indication of the nature of the talks was given by Premier Eshkol when he made his statement in the Knesset last night preceding the vote on acceptance of the West German offer. The Premier said he had reason to expect agreement would be reached with West Germany on outstanding problems. These were known to include the question of West Germany completing the shipment of its multi-million dollar weapons aid program to Israel, which it cut off last month, the issue of West German scientists working in Egypt on advanced weapons systems for the Nasser regime and future West German aid to Israel.

It was reported that Israel wanted West Germany to establish its Embassy in Jerusalem but it was understood that this, and other unresolved questions, have not been put to Bonn as a pre-condition for an exchange of ambassadors. So far, it was reported, Israel has not chosen an ambassador to Bonn. Asher Ben Nathan, former director general of the Israel Defense Ministry, was named last month to replace Dr. Felix Shinnar as head of the Israel Mission at Cologne and it appeared he might be named ambassador. Another candidate mentioned was Dr. Y Yahil, former director general of the Foreign Ministry.

The vote last night in the Knesset was taken by roll call, which is rarely used. The roll call was used in 1952 in the vote on the West German reparations agreement. Of the 120 Members of Parliament, 105 attended the session last night. Two of the most persistent advocates of relations with West Germany, former Premier David Ben-Gurion and Deputy Defense Minister Shimon Peres, were absent. The former Premier has refused to attend Knesset sessions since he resigned as Premier and Mr. Peres is abroad. Former Premier Moshe Sharett, who is confined to a wheelchair, had planned to attend but apparently was dissuaded by his doctors.

### Bonn Government Acknowledges 'With Pleasure' Knesset's Vote

BONN, March 17. (JTA) -- The Government of West Germany has "acknowledged with pleasure" the vote by Israel's Parliament last night to accept Bonn's offer of diplomatic relations. Gunter von Hase, the Government press secretary, told a press conference today.

He said the Israel decision expressed the wish to normalize relations between the two countries. He added that West Germany wanted to create a clear basis for humane relations between Israel and the German people in the conviction that trusting relations should be established with all states for a constructive contribution to world peace.

Answering questions, he said that 85 nations currently maintained diplomatic relations with both Israel and the Arab countries, particularly the East European countries, which he listed one by one. He said countries recognizing Israel included "the best friends of the Arabs" in the neutralist world, the African group and the East European section.

### U. S. TO CARRY ON TALKS WITH ISRAEL ON ARMS THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS

WASHINGTON, March 17. (JTA) -- State Department spokesman Robert McCloskey said today that the United States and Israel will carry on talks through diplomatic channels on Israel's interest in obtaining American arms. He declined to say if Israel has registered a formal request. According to Mr. McCloskey, conclusions have not yet been reached.

If a time came when the United States decided that U. S. tanks were essential for maintenance of a balance, the United States probably would make the sale, it was indicated. Meanwhile, the United States wishes to avoid any action that might give offense to the Arabs.

## ISRAEL SUBMITS COMPLAINTS TO U. S. SECURITY COUNCIL AGAINST SYRIA

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., March 17. (JTA) -- Israel complained to the Security Council today that for the last two weeks "armed forces from Syria have been wantonly and repeatedly attacking peaceful Israel civilian activities within Israel territory with machine guns, mortar and artillery fire."

In a letter from Ambassador Michael S. Comay, Israel's permanent representative, to Arsenne Usher of the Ivory Coast, the current president of the Security Council, Israel notified the United Nations that, in the last two weeks, a number of Syrian attacks had brought about a "tense and dangerous situation in the vicinity of the village of Almogor." The Almogor area includes the settlement of Korazim, the target of much of the shooting. It lies north of the Sea of Galilee to the west of the Jordan River along Israel's northern frontier.

The attacks from Syrian gun posts have been repeated day after day since March 2, Mr. Comay complained, sometimes occurring several times a day. In three separate incidents yesterday, he declared, one Israeli was killed and four wounded. In each case, he noted, the Israeli farmers were working in fields placed squarely on Israel's side of the border by United Nations observers who also found that, in the earlier incidents of this month, thus far probed, the Syrians had started the fire. Furthermore, he stated, Syria's own chief of staff at Damascus had personally promised the head of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization that the attacks would cease.

(In a late dispatch today, Israel reported that the Syrians opened two attacks today in another border area, firing at an Israeli frontier patrol near Dan. Israel returned the fire. Meanwhile, in Haifa, funeral services were held this afternoon for Shmuel Levi, the Korazim tractor driver killed by the Syrians yesterday.)

"To sum up," Mr. Comay stated, "it would appear to be established beyond any doubt that during these last two weeks, armed forces of Syria have been wantonly and repeatedly attacking peaceful Israel civilian activities within Israel territory. In doing so, the Syrian authorities are grossly violating the armistice agreement, disregarding the findings of United Nations investigations, and flouting the representations made to them by the chief of staff of UNTSO. This intolerable state of affairs cannot continue indefinitely, and the Syrian Government must accept full responsibility for the consequences of its actions."

Mr. Comay's letter did not ask for a meeting of the Council on this issue, requesting only that the letter be circulated to the members of the Council.

## AMERICAN JEWS URGED TO START ACTION AGAINST COMMUNIST EAST GERMANY

WASHINGTON, March 17. (JTA) -- American Jews were warned today that, in their proper concern for the shortcomings of West Germany on Israeli and other Jewish matters, they should not overlook the fact that East Germany's record was far worse.

Dr. Joachim Prinz, president of the American Jewish Congress, citing the comparison in an address to the national convention of the organization's Women's Division, said that despite dissatisfaction with West Germany, "we recognize that the Bonn regime has at least begun the great task of moral redemption and that the leaders of West Germany are responsible to the views of the world Jewish community and expressions of international concern." He cited the problems of elimination of all vestiges of Nazism in West Germany and meeting of obligations to Israel and the survivors of the Nazi period.

East Germany, he pointed out, has rejected every Jewish appeal and rebuffed every approach from the victims of Nazism. He charged that the regime of Walter Ulbricht "has become the active and avid partner of Arab adventurism in its announced intention" to destroy Israel. He asserted that East Germany had Nazis in high places and refused to allow any restitution of victims of Nazism while openly supporting Egyptian maneuvers against Israel.

Aaron Goldman, chairman of the National Community Relations Advisory Council, warned the convention yesterday against provisions of the Administration's aid to education bill which would aid religiously sponsored schools. He said most Jewish groups were convinced that "once the public purse is opened to religiously oriented schools, the result will be the slow erosion of our public school system."

## PURIM FESTIVITIES START IN ISRAEL; STREET CARNIVAL TODAY IN TEL AVIV

TEL AVIV, March 17. (JTA) -- Purim festivities began here this evening with the reading of Megillath Esther in the Great Synagogue where a large crowd gathered. Children in masks began filling the streets tonight, impatiently awaiting tomorrow's traditional Adloyada carnival parade which will pass through the main streets of the city.

## POSTAL VEHICLE DRIVERS END THREE-DAY STRIKE IN ISRAEL; MAIL AFFECTED

TEL AVIV, March 17. (JTA) -- Postal vehicle drivers returned to work here today after a three-day strike. The postal authorities expect to catch up with the backlog of undelivered mail within the next three days.

## ASSOCIATION FOR JEWISH EDUCATION CRITICIZES BILL ON AID TO SCHOOLS

NEW YORK, March 17. (JTA) -- The American Association for Jewish Education, the national service agency for Jewish education in the United States, today attacked the "Morse-Perkins Bill" as "antagonistic to the best interests of this country."

In a letter to members of the Senate Committee who are now considering the bill, the Association pointed out, that while it welcomes the effort on the part of the Federal Government to aid public education, it views "with profound concern, those provisions of the Bill which, under the guise of alleviating deprivation, would extend financial aid to private and parochial schools."

The Association said that it was "equally troubled by the encouragement and sanction which these bills would offer to 'dual enrollment' or 'shared time.' Precisely, because these proposals are less obvious violations of the separation of Church and State," the AAJE stated, "they may appear to be plausible ameliorations of the problems which private and parochial schools face. To the best of our knowledge, there is no example of their meaningful workability in any school district where they have been attempted."

The Association went on to point out that if acceptance of dual enrollment is made a prerequisite to qualification for public aid, "private groups, religious and others, will have an official and sanctioning role in determining what shall be taught in the public school. Surely, such a system not merely invites, but requires the decisive intrusion of religious groups into the curriculum of public education."

Stressing the administrative difficulties which shared time involves, the Association charged that "There is no national study which reveals how the shared time program works in those communities in which it has been adopted. Far from creating a sense of community, shared time," the AAJE said, "creates a sense of religious division, because, blocs of children from parochial schools are sent for instruction in the public schools as independent units. It is shocking," the letter went on, "to think that the Congress of the United States would legislate so rashly in an area of education, without experience, guidelines or proposals to direct their recommendations."

### Offers Alternative Program; Parents to Pay for Religious Education

The AAJE recommended that the Congress explore an alternative plan under which public education would be available to all in public facilities during the morning hours of the day. "When this required common curriculum is completed at 1:00 or 2:00 o'clock, parents of all students shall have the following options at their own expense; 1. To enroll their children in religious schools of parochial or other character; 2. To enroll their children in any private school; 3. To have their children attend special classes in public school facilities for the gifted, the exceptional, for remedial purposes, etc."

Under this proposal, the AAJE pointed out, which can be developed in detail, the parochial school would be relieved of the cost of all subjects other than actual religious education; Parents who do not desire religious education for their children would have an equal opportunity to give those children any special training which they prefer; The public school and public school authorities would not be involved in sharing time with religious authorities; Religious authorities would not be involved in determining the content of the public school curriculum; All children would attend all classes as individuals and not as religious blocs.

The views of the American Association for Jewish Education were adopted at a meeting of its executive committee, and have been distributed to central agencies for Jewish education in 43 cities of the United States.

## NATIONAL JEWISH GROUPS ENDORSE JOHNSON'S MOVE ON RIGHT TO VOTE

NEW YORK, March 17. (JTA) -- National Jewish organizations, and local Jewish community councils throughout the country, today endorsed President Johnson's moves for enactment of federal legislation to protect all citizens, Negro and white, in their right to vote.

The National Community Relations Advisory Council, representing seven national Jewish organizations and 74 local councils sent a telegram to the President, commending him on his new civil rights steps and asserting that "equality of opportunity and rights without regard to race, color or religion" is a goal to which all of the NCRAC's member organizations are devoted.

Morris B. Abram, president of the American Jewish Committee, wired a message to the President, stating that the AJC "hails your call to Congress in your eloquent message for legislation to insure the vote for every American, Negro and white. We agree," Mr. Abram informed the President, "that this is an American problem, rather than a sectional one. We pledge all our supportive efforts."

The Jewish Labor Committee telegraphed the President: "Congratulations on your truly inspiring address. It was a worthy response to the challenge of Selma. On behalf of the 500,000 Jewish members of our affiliated labor, cultural and fraternal organizations, we pledge to you our fullest support in your efforts to obtain quickly a comprehensive federal voting law. Your magnificent words were a clarion call to which all America will respond."

## JEWISH EDUCATION WORK IN MEXICO AND ARGENTINA TO BE COORDINATED

MEXICO CITY, March 17. (JTA) -- A decision to coordinate the Jewish education activities in Mexico with those of Argentina was adopted here today by the board of education of Nidche Israel, the organization of Ashkenazic Jews in this country.

Today's action followed a proposal made to Nidche Israel recently by Marc Turkow, general secretary of the Latin American executive of the World Jewish Congress. Under the plan, the schools in Mexico teaching both Hebrew and Yiddish will work closely with similar institutions in Argentina.

## AMPAL REPORTS \$18,944,970 INVESTMENTS AND LOANS IN ISRAEL DURING 1964

NEW YORK, March 17. (JTA) -- AMPAL--American Israel Corporation today reported that the company, together with its affiliate Israel Development Corp., made investments and loans in Israel totaling \$18,944,976 during the fiscal year ended January 31, 1965.

Gross income of AMPAL and IDC rose from \$3,121,475 in fiscal 1963 to \$3,160,300, of which the former company's share was \$2,088,428. AMPAL, which has paid a dividend on its preferred shares annually since its formation 23 years ago, has in recent years been paying 30 cents a share, or six cents on its four percent preferred. IDC shareholders received their tenth consecutive annual dividend, \$1.25 in cash plus a tax credit of 33 cents a share, the report said.

During the year, the report stated, the corporations also paid out \$1,400,000 in interest to their debenture holders and to banks. Net income, after all expenses and U. S. and Israel taxes, was \$862,000, compared with \$822,882 a year earlier. Combined assets of the two corporations at fiscal year-end stood at close to \$45,000,000 compared to \$43,000,000 a year earlier. Securities of both corporations, which are held by thousands of shareholders across the U. S., are traded over-the-counter.

## RASSCO PLANTATIONS ANNOUNCE DIVIDEND FOR 1964; SOLD 400,000 SHARES IN U. S.

NEW YORK, March 17. (JTA) -- Rassco Plantations, Ltd., of Tel Aviv, announced here today that it has declared a dividend for 1964 of 16.66 cents per share on its outstanding common stock, payable April 30 to stockholders of record as of March 15, 1965. A dividend in the same amount was paid last year. The company is engaged in Israel in the planting, packing and marketing of citrus. It owns 750 acres of citrus plantations, and manages another 5,500 acres owned by local and foreign investors.

Founded in 1953 as a private company, Rassco Plantations Ltd. became a public company last year, when 400,000 ordinary shares were sold to U. S. investors at \$3.17 per share pursuant to a prospectus filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission in Washington.

## PRESIDENT JOHNSON PRESENTED WITH COPY OF 'WHO'S WHO IN WORLD JEWRY'

WASHINGTON, March 17. (JTA) -- President Lyndon B. Johnson was presented this afternoon with the first copy, specially bound, of "Who's Who in World Jewry 1965" by representatives of the editorial board and publisher of the book. The presentation was made at the White House by I. J. Garmin Karpman, editor of "Who's Who in World Jewry 1965," Kenneth L. Rawson, president of the David McKay Company, Inc., distributors of the volume, Edward Adams, chairman of the Presentation Committee, and Jim Novy, president of the Encyclopedia Judaica Research Foundation.

The volume was inscribed with the following tribute to the President: "To the President of the United States of America, Lyndon Baines Johnson, this specially bound first copy of "Who's Who in World Jewry," a testament to the contribution of the Jewish people to human progress and American life in our time, is respectfully presented in recognition of his unflinching efforts to further the brotherhood of man."

## ARTHUR LOURIE, ISRAEL'S AMBASSADOR TO BRITAIN, ENDS HIS TOUR OF DUTY

LONDON, March 17. (JTA) -- The Anglo-Israel Association, the Anglo-Israel Chamber of Commerce and the Anglo-Israel Parliamentary Group joined today to give a farewell luncheon to Arthur Lourie, who is ending a tour of duty as Israeli Ambassador to Britain, and to Mrs. Lourie.

Dr. Francis Evans, chairman of the executive of the Anglo-Israel Association, speaking for the three groups, expressed regret at the pending departure of the Louries. Labor Minister Ray Gunther said that the envoy "was a great friend to many of us and to our country." He added that the envoy understood "our problems as few outsiders did and made the Israelis understand them though they have not always appreciated our attitudes."

The Ambassador said in response, the new British Government had meant no variation in British friendship and understanding toward Israel. He added that the scheduled visit this month of Israeli Prime Minister Levi Eshkol was a reflection of the friendly relations between the two countries. He said that the visit comes at a time "when friendship between the two countries has ripened and we hope the results of this visit will be a constructive amity and cooperation in the future."