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### ESHKOL ARRIVES IN LONDON FOR TALKS; CONFERS WITH PRIME MINISTER TODAY

LONDON, March 24. (JTA) -- Premier Levi Eshkol, arriving in London today for an informal visit, expressed the belief that "world statesmanship can play a great role in creating an atmosphere conducive to peace in the Middle East."

He said he was looking forward to his three scheduled meetings tomorrow with Prime Minister Harold Wilson and his colleague. He noted that Mr. Wilson had visited Israel two years ago and that he would now meet the British labor party leader for the first time since he became Prime Minister. He added that he hoped to have discussions "on a broad range of Anglo-Israel relations and on the Middle East in general."

He stated that he felt that over the years Anglo-Israel relations had developed very satisfactorily. "We have consistently found understanding of our situation and problems from all political groupings in Britain," he reported. "There is great respect in Israel for British legal and democratic institutions and for the contributions of British thought towards world civilization."

The visiting Premier recalled that, in the years immediately preceding Jewish statehood, when Britain was the mandatory power in Palestine, there were "some deep scars." However, he added that "in the fulfilment of our statehood we do not forget Britain's pioneering contribution through the Balfour Declaration in recognition of the Jewish people's right to establish independence in the land of its fathers."

### Warns of Possible Middle East Crisis; Meets with Harriman in London

Mr. Eshkol warned that, as in the past, the Middle East was again "not free from the sense of crisis," adding that "there is always a danger of aggression in our area, particularly in view of the constant heavy buildup of armaments on the Arab side. While we feel we must maintain an adequate deterrent capacity, as the best means of preventing war, we do not despair of peace. It is our conviction that world statesmanship can play a great role" for ultimate peace, he concluded.

The visiting Premier was scheduled to meet with W. Averell Harriman, President Johnson's special envoy, today. Mr. Harriman was sent on a special mission to Israel last month after West Germany precipitated a Middle East upheaval by suspending the last part of a multi-million dollar shipment of arms to Israel under Egyptian pressure.

Among those present to greet the Premier and his party at the airport were Herbert Bowden, Lord President of the Council and Leader of the House; Neville Bland, Special Representative of the Secretary of State; John Beith, British Ambassador to Israel; Arthur Lourie, Israel Ambassador to Britain; and other members of the Embassy. The British Jewish community was represented by Chief Rabbi Israel Brodie, Sir Barnett Janner and representatives of all major Zionist and Jewish organizations.

The first meeting of the two Prime Ministers will be at a luncheon tomorrow at the Prime Minister's official residence for Premier and Mrs. Eshkol at which Mrs. Wilson also will be present. The two Prime Ministers will then meet for talks through the afternoon and in the evening Mr. Wilson will attend a dinner given by Ambassador Lourie in honor of Premier Eshkol.

### Eshkol Says He Will Not Meet Chancellor Erhard During His Trip

TEL AVIV, March 24. (JTA) -- Premier Levi Eshkol said today at Lydda Airport, as he left for London, that he would not meet West German Chancellor Ludwig Erhard during his current European visit.

He said he hoped his visit would contribute to bettering relations with Britain in all fields. "Britain maintains an active policy and watches closely the events in our region," he stated. He was accompanied on his trip by Mrs. Eshkol and his entourage included his aide, Aviad Yafeh; military aide, Col. Yitzhak Nissiyahu; and Ehud Avriel and Dr. Yaacov Herzog, deputy directors-general of the Foreign Ministry.

## ISRAEL JUDGE BLASTS SOVIET ANTI-JEWISH DISCRIMINATIONS AT U.N. PARLEY

GENEVA, March 24. (JTA) -- Israel Supreme Court Justice Haim Cohen, a member of the United Nations Human Rights Commission, outlined at length at the commission's annual meeting today the discriminations being practiced by Soviet authorities against Russian Jews.

Justice Cohen spoke on the draft before the commission against all forms of religious intolerance. He said the greatest achievement embodied in the draft was that it covered theistic, non-theistic and atheistic beliefs to ensure that disregard of the freedom of religion should never again be allowed to bring suffering to mankind.

Declaring that the Catholic Church had stopped persecuting members of other religions, he said that the highest councils of the church, a reference to the Ecumenical Council, was now formulating principles of tolerance to guide the Catholic Church in the future. He insisted that the intolerance inherent in any religion was also inherent in the belief that no religion can be true. He quoted the Marxist dogma that "religion is the opium of the masses."

Asserting that the suffering once caused by monopolistic religions was now being caused by reliance on atheistic doctrine, the jurist said that the motivation for intolerance was the same in both cases. He said that it stemmed from the conviction of infallibility in one's views, as distinguished from those of the next man. If the "next man" is a member of a small minority, the jurist added, he and his views are doomed.

It was a matter of "bitter and fateful tragedy," he continued, that the Jewish people and the Jewish religion were the main and "quite hopeless" victims of fanatical religious persecution. He said no explanation of this persecution could stand a rational test and that the word "anti-Semitism" was a label not an explanation.

### Contrasts Treatment of Jews with Other Religious Groups in Russia

Focusing on the situation in the Soviet Union, he said that whereas other religious communities there were allowed to some extent to observe and propagate their religions, such facilities which were, at some time or other, granted to Jewish religious communities were being for the greater part gradually and systematically withdrawn.

He said he was "happy" to "report and acknowledge" that the Russian Orthodox version of the Bible had been reprinted in 1957 in an edition of 50,000 copies and that the Protestant version had been reprinted in 1958 in 10,000 volumes. He noted also that in Ufa and Tashkent, the Muslim directorates were allowed to produce three editions of the Arabic Koran between 1959 and 1962. But, he said, no such permission had ever been given for reprinting of the Hebrew Bible.

He added that he was "glad to say" that Muslims were allowed to use Arabic as their holy language in print but that there were no similar facilities in the Soviet Union for Hebrew. He said that for 40,000,000 Russian Orthodox worshippers there were, according to press reports, 20,000 churches, 35,000 priests and 69 monasteries and convents--one place of worship per each 2,000 believers and one priest for each 1,100 believers. For Russia's 10,000,000 Baptists, there were roughly 6,000 parishes and pastors--one place of worship and one minister for each 500 believers.

He then contrasted these data with the remaining 90 synagogues and about that number of rabbis for nearly 1,000,000 Jewish believers--one synagogue and one rabbi for 15,000 to 16,000. He said the ecclesiastical bodies of other religions in Russia were permitted to produce a variety of ritual objects and that mass sales of such objects, particularly candles, was an important source of income for the church. However, he pointed out, the production of Jewish religious objects, such as prayer shawls or phylacteries, was prohibited.

### Repudiation of Stalinism Brought No Relaxation in Discrimination

He told the UN Commission that still less understandable than this discrimination was the fact that matters had gone from bad to worse since the repudiation of the Stalin era. In 1962, he noted, authorities announced publicly for the first time that Jews could no longer bake matzoh for Passover. He said that the Feast of Passover, a remembrance of delivery from bondage, had been branded in Soviet propaganda as "subversive." He added that, in all fairness, he should report that very limited amounts of matzoh were being baked this year within the precinct of a few synagogues and he expressed the hope that this was a step forward in the right direction.

As other observers have reported, Justice Cohen noted also that the Jewish religion was discriminated against in Russia by a ban on organization on a national basis, and a ban on contact with co-religionists abroad, even in other Communist countries. By contrast, he stated, the Baptists had a nationwide federation in Russia. "This All-Union Council of Evangelical Christian Baptists is a member of the World Council of Baptists and of the European Baptist Federation," he stressed.

Russian Muslims, he continued, were permitted to send and receive overseas delegation and to undertake the traditional pilgrimage to Mecca. He asked why only Russian

Jews were totally isolated from Jewish communities the world over and from all religious life.

The jurist said he was apologizing for taking so much time but that he was doing so "not only to draw the attention of our distinguished colleague from the USSR and his Government to this deplorable state of affairs but also to show that both religious belief and irreligious belief have in common that they are potential breeding places of religious intolerance. The lesson of history is that true religious freedom needs protection from both."

#### Philadelphia Jews Stage Eighth Picketing Demonstration at Soviet Embassy

WASHINGTON, March 24. (JTA) -- The Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Philadelphia today staged its eighth picketing demonstration before the Russian Embassy since March 2, in protest against Soviet anti-Semitism. Today's demonstration, for the time being, is the last to be organized by the Jewish community of the Philadelphia area. A total of 24 bus loads of persons representing constituent organizations of the community council participated in the course of the eight demonstrations.

Leaders of today's demonstrations, including Harry H. Rosenthal, coordinator of the picketing and an official of the Community Council, met with Soviet Embassy officials. They were given quantities of printed propaganda purporting to depict the free exercise of Judaism in the Soviet Union. The pickets later met with members of Congress and with an official of the State Department.

The pickets included 10 representatives of the Philadelphia region of the Jewish Labor Committee and the Negro Trade Union Leadership Council of Philadelphia. James H. Jones, president of the Negro Council of Philadelphia, told Anatoli G. Myshkov, first secretary of the Russian Embassy here: "We are concerned about this problem of Russian anti-Semitism as Americans. Just as there are Jewish people now down in Alabama, marching with Negroes, I have come here together with my Jewish friends."

#### DEBATE ON STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS STARTS TODAY IN GERMAN PARLIAMENT

BONN, March 24. (JTA) -- Debate on a final draft of the proposed measure to extend the statute of limitations on the prosecution of major Nazi war criminals will start tomorrow in the Bundestag, lower house of West Germany's Parliament. The house voted two weeks ago in favor of such extension, but left the details of the draft to its legal committee. The present cut-off date on the prosecution of the major Nazi war criminals is May 8.

Chancellor Ludwig Erhard is expected to participate in tomorrow's Bundestag debate on the issue, but new difficulties appeared to loom regarding the fixing of a new cut-off date. While previous reports indicated that the legal committee would recommend a new cut-off date, extending the statute 10 years, it seemed today that a majority of Erhard's Christian Democratic Party favor a four-year prolongation.

#### COUNCIL OF JUDAISM ATTACKS 'PRESIDENTS CONFERENCE' IN GERMAN PAPER

BONN, March 24. (JTA) -- The Deutsche National Zeitung and Soldaten-Zeitung, a German extremist nationalist weekly which was attacked in Parliament here last week as a newspaper "each line of which protrudes poisonous anti-Semitism," carries in its current issue a long article by an official of the American Council for Judaism, severely attacking the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations and Zionist activities in the United States.

This is the second article by officials of the American Council for Judaism in the German extremist organ which was charged in Parliament with using "the language of the potential murderers of tomorrow." The first article, written by Rabbi Elmer Berger, executive vice-president of the Council for Judaism, appeared as the leading front-page article in the issue of March 5. The article in the current issue is written by William Gottlieb, the Council's public relations director.

A spokesman for the Ministry of Justice said today that the Ministry was seeking to determine whether legal action could be taken against the extremist right-wing newspaper, in view of the assertion in Parliament by a Social Democratic Deputy, Dr. Adolf Arndt, that the Deutsche National-Zeitung and Soldaten-Zeitung carries "dishonorable" anti-Semitic propaganda. The spokesman said that the Ministry was "closely scrutinizing" the newspaper each week. The investigation is being conducted by the Chief Prosecutor in Munich.

The charges in Parliament against the newspaper were voiced in connection with the denunciation by the newspaper, in anti-Semitic terms, of the supporters of the proposed extension of the statute of limitations on prosecution of Nazi war criminals. The statement by Dr. Arndt against the extremist newspaper was interrupted by applause three times by members of various political parties. Dr. Eugen Gerstenmaier, Speaker of the House, expressed "the gratitude of the Parliament" to Dr. Arndt for denunciation of the newspaper from the tribune of the Bundestag.

## RABBIS WARN AGAINST THE 'EVER INCREASING' PROBLEM OF MIXED MARRIAGES

NEWARK, March 24. (JTA) -- A warning that mixed marriage "threatens the continuity of the Jewish people as a creative force in the American civilization," coupled with an appeal for mobilization of "the total resources of the American Jewish community" to deal with the problem, has been issued by the Board of Rabbis of Essex County.

The Board, representing Orthodox, Conservative and Reform rabbis, warned that the problem was an "ever increasing" one, relating to American freedom which "intensifies the problem of maintaining ourselves as a people and a unique faith." The Board blamed the increase in such marriages on "indifference, ignorance and lack of Jewish commitment." It called "survival the central concern of American Jewry."

Asserting that "the vast majority of American rabbis refuse to officiate at mixed marriages," the rabbinical group said the problem could not be solved "by proclamations nor by sermons alone" and that "no solution was possible without the awareness of every Jew that he has a personal responsibility in this matter."

The Board urged efforts to increase understanding and deepen appreciation of Jewish values. "In homes where children experience sincere religious living, consistent ritual practice, and family participation in the activities of the Jewish community, the likelihood of mixed marriage is reduced," the rabbis stressed. Jewish loyalty, they said, "matures in an environment of faith and healthy inter-personal relationship within the family."

The rabbis called on parents, lay synagogue and communal leaders, educators, Jewish center and social workers "to imbue our young people with the desire to maintain and continue our Jewish heritage." They pledged themselves "to do our part to develop Jewish loyalty from the pulpit, through religious education, family counseling and in every other contact we have with our people." By such cooperative effort, the rabbis declared, "we shall be able to survive this threat to our survival."

## SAN FRANCISCO NON-JEWISH PROFESSOR LEAVES \$500,000 TO ISRAELI CAUSES

NEW YORK, March 24. (JTA) -- A non-Jewish San Francisco educator who died there recently has left his entire estate of nearly \$500,000 to Israeli causes, according to the Israeli Digest, published here by the Jewish Agency. Professor John Lewis Horn bequeathed 75 percent of his estate to the Jewish National Fund and the balance to Youth Aliyah. Prof. Horn and his late wife visited Israel together in 1954.

Some time before his death, Prof. Horn also contributed money to the JNF for the establishment of a pioneering outpost. At that time, he wrote to Yaacov Tsur, chairman of the JNF presidium, that "we simply have affection for the people and the country and regard the establishment of the State as one of the remarkable events of the century."

## JEWS IN NEW JERSEY TOWN ORGANIZE NIGHT PATROLS TO APPREHEND VANDALS

ASBURY PARK, N.J., March 24. (JTA) -- A group of Jewish men have organized a system of nightlong patrols in nearby Wanamassa--similar to the Maccabee group set up by Hassidic Jews in Brooklyn--in an effort to apprehend vandals who have been smashing windows and defacing the entrance of the Hillel Hebrew Day School in that town. Six large windows in the school building were smashed in a period of five days. Since the school moved into the building six years ago, more than 100 windows have been smashed.

Rabbi Morris A. Shmidman, dean of the school and spiritual leader of Congregation Sons of Israel here, organized the patrol to supplement police surveillance of the area. He said the police have "gone all out" to catch the vandals, "but they can't just sit there all night." He deplored the fact that the residents of Wanamassa were "developing an attitude of acceptance of petty delinquency."

## SAO PAULO CARDINAL PAYS VISIT TO CHIEF RABBI; HOLD 50-MINUTE TALK

SAO PAULO, March 24. (JTA) -- Sao Paulo's new Cardinal, Don Angelo Rossi, made a 50-minute visit today to Chief Rabbi Pinkus at the latter's residence.

The Cardinal also received today the Board of the Council of the Christian-Jewish Fraternity. The atmosphere on both occasions was described as highly cordial.

## NAZI SHOT IN PARKED CAR IN BOSTON; WAS ERRONEOUSLY REPORTED ARRESTED

BOSTON, March 24. (JTA) -- A report yesterday that Francis J. Smith, a self-asserted member of the American Nazi Party, had been arrested, proved incorrect today. Smith was shot while in a parked car, but had not been arrested as the previous report indicated. When Smith's car was searched by police after the shooting, the automobile contained, according to the authorities, a revolver, brass knuckles and Nazi literature.

Smith is known to Jewish community relations agencies here as a man who had said he would open a bookstore to specialize in right-wing materials, boasting that he was treasurer of the American Nazi Party.