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## ESHKOL SEEN AS SEEKING SOVIET CHANGE OF POLICY TOWARD ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Jan. 13: (JTA) -- The address delivered last night by Premier Levi Eshkol in the Knesset, in introducing his new Cabinet, was considered here today as an attempt to feel out again the interest of the Soviet Government on the possibility of improved relations with Israel. It was also considered as a move seeking a reduction of the Soviet support to the Arab countries;

The Premier's remarks on the need to prevent recurrence of a tragedy like the Nazi holocaust was viewed as clearly implying Israel's concern over spreading rearmament, particularly in reference to West Germany's insistence on sharing in Europe's nuclear defenses. It was noted that it was not secret that the Soviet Union attached considerable weight to Israel's views on this issue. The fact that Israel shares Soviet concern over West German access to nuclear weapons control may be seen in Moscow as an important factor for Soviet interests, it is believed in competent circles here;

Another point of interest in the Premier's speech was his praise for the India-Pakistan agreement, negotiated in Tashkent with the aid of Soviet Premier Kosygin, renouncing the use of force in settlement of disputes between the two countries; Competent observers said that the Premier's statement on the Tashkent agreement might be part of the same effort to improve relations with the Soviet Union. They added however, that the statement also could be viewed as a hint to the Soviet Union to try to achieve a similar agreement on renunciation of force by the Arab countries and Israel;

Improvement of Soviet ties is for the Premier not only a foreign policy goal but also a domestic issue. The participation of the leftist Mapam, as well as that of Achdut Avoda, which is leftist to a lesser degree, necessitates that the Premier make an effort in that direction;

Former Foreign Minister Golda Meir, meanwhile, began handing over the affairs of her ministry to her successor, Abba Eban. At a farewell reception with the ministry staff, today, Mrs. Meir said she wished the new Foreign Minister would be the one to sign peace treaties with the Arab states;

## Eshkol to Follow Ben-Gurion's Policy in Seeking Peace with Arabs

PARIS, Jan. 13: (JTA) -- Premier Levi Eshkol declared today in an interview in Le Monde, the influential French daily newspaper, that his views on conditions for an Arab-Israel peace were identical with those of his predecessor, former Premier David Ben-Gurion, of offering peace to the Arabs on the basis of the status quo;

The Premier said that peace negotiations must be based on Arab acceptance of existing Israel-Arab frontiers. He added that while Israel remained ready to pay compensation to former Arab residents of what is now Israel, the country could not afford to yield any territory, particularly because Israel must allow for possible future immigration from Russia, Western Europe and the United States;

Asked if this projected immigration did not make the Arabs fear Israeli "expansion," the Premier stressed that Israel had accepted the status quo on borders on and for all. He said that industrialization and expansion of agriculture in Israel's Negev waste -- where irrigation will be extended when the joint United States-Israeli nuclear desalination program is completed -- would enable Israel to absorb the hoped-for newcomers. He added that if the nuclear desalination project was successful, the process could also be used by the Arab countries and thus become a key to peace in the Middle East;

The Premier deplored the fact that both Israel and Egypt must spend so heavily for arms when the money could so much better be used for internal development. Asked why Israel had rejected proposals to make the Middle East a nuclear-free zone, the Premier replied that neither Israel nor Egypt have nuclear weapons and that the first essential step therefore was to destroy conventional weapons. He said he felt an effort for general disarmament would be a wiser goal. The Premier asserted that time was on Israel's side;

U. S. SHIP NOT THREATENED WITH SUEZ CANAL BLOCKADE IF STOPPING AT HAIFA

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13: (JTA) -- Denying reports that the American President Lines was subjected to Suez Canal blockade threats, a high State Department official said today that "we have been assured by the Company that at no time did the Egyptian authorities threaten to close the Suez Canal to an American President Lines ship if it included Haifa in its itinerary."

Douglas MacArthur, 2nd, Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations, made the comments in a letter to Senators Jacob K. Javits, New York Republican, and Harrison Williams, New Jersey Democrat. The two Senators co-sponsored an anti-boycott amendment to the Export Control Act calling on the Executive Department to rally American companies in resistance against the Arab boycott. They wrote the State Department recently to ask a report on action taken in connection with the deletion of Haifa from a cruise itinerary of the S. S. President Roosevelt because of Arab boycott pressure.

Mr. MacArthur replied: "Since last December, officials of the American President Lines have consulted with Department officials on several occasions. We have been assured by the company that at no time did the Egyptian authorities threaten to close the Suez Canal to an American President Lines ship if it included Haifa in its itinerary. An earlier statement by an American President Lines spokesman to the effect that such a threat was received was based upon a misinterpretation of correspondence received from the American President Lines' agent in Alexandria."

The official said "the Department of State is endeavoring to ascertain all the facts relating to this matter and to be of assistance to the American President Lines." He promised a more complete report when the inquiry is completed;

WORKERS IN ISRAELI MILITARY PLANT LOCKED OUT FOR 'GO-SLOW' STRIKE

TEL AVIV, Jan. 13: (JTA) -- Workers conducting a deliberate slowdown at a big military workshop were locked out of the plant today after they rejected a demand from the military commander for an apology.

The workers launched the "go-slow" action last Sunday when it became clear that their demands for more pay had been rejected. When they reported for work today, they found they were barred from entry. A Defense Ministry spokesman said the decision to lock them out had been taken by the commander.

The workers indicated this morning they would resume normal work schedules and drop their demands. The commander asked for the apology in addition and the workers refused.

ISRAEL'S NATIONAL BUDGET FOR THE YEAR TO EXCEED 4,500,000,000 POUNDS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 13: (JTA) -- Israel's 1965-1967 national budget is expected to be between 4,500,000,000 pounds (\$1,500,000,000) and 4,600,000,000 pounds (\$1,533,000,000), informed sources indicated today. This estimate compares with a current budget of 4,000,000,000 pounds (\$1,333,000,000).

Approval by Parliament of Premier Levi Eshkol's new Government was expected to speed up budgeting with an anticipated hope of absorbing the increase in the budget by a larger volume of tax receipts from existing sources without the need for new taxation.

ISRAEL REPORTED FACING PROSPECT OF SHORTAGE OF SKILLED MANPOWER

JERUSALEM, Jan. 13: (JTA) -- Israel faces the prospect of a serious shortage of technicians and professional men by 1969 because of insufficient high school graduations, Hanoeh Smith, director of Israel's Manpower Planning Authority, said today.

Asserting that only 15 percent of youngsters of high school age complete a high school education, the manpower expert told a press conference that a decrease even in this percentage was likely because Oriental newcomers and their first-generation children show a high dropout rate. He added that the shortage was likely to be most severe in registered nursing and industries requiring technicians with highly specialized training.

CHIEF RABBINATE ASKS DIASPORA RABBIS TO PREACH ALIYA TO ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Jan. 13: (JTA) -- The Chief Rabbinate Council under Chief Rabbi Yitzhak Nissim and Isser Yehuda Unterman, called upon rabbis throughout the world today to devote their sermons on Saturday, February 5 to the encouragement of immigration to Israel.

The call emphasizes the role which Jewish immigration to Israel is playing in the development of the country. It was issued while the Zionist Actions Committee is now in session here discussing problems of immigration and absorption of the immigrants.

DR. NEUMANN BACKS PLAN TO COOPT NON-ZIONISTS INTO JEWISH AGENCY

JERUSALEM, Jan. 13: (JTA) -- Dr. Emanuel Neumann, chairman of the American Section of the executive of the Jewish Agency, voiced support here today for plans to coopt non-party personalities into the Jewish Agency executive; Speaking at the general debate of the World Zionist Actions Committee here, Dr. Neumann said that he hoped the cooption of personalities who are not members of the Zionist movement would ease what he termed Zionist party rigidity;

Mrs. Rose Halprin, member of the executive of the Jewish Agency, differed with Dr. Nahum Goldmann who had criticized the fact that the Jewish Agency for Israel is required to be registered as a foreign agency in the United States; She said that the procedure was a valid means of defense for American democracy and that it was not directed against Zionists;

Rabbi Mordecai Kirshblum of the New York Agency executive told the session that emissaries from Israel could no longer induce mass aliya but that without them there would not be any aliya at all; Jacob Katzman of New York, general secretary of the Far-band Labor Zionist Order, said there was a feeling that the Agency was different from the Zionist Organization; He said that while one Agency boasted about its achievements, the Zionist Organization was being described as ill; He urged that the Zionist movement should be proud and not sell itself short;

Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir declared that Israel was now directing efforts toward absorption of immigrants from western countries but that such Jews were not coming to Israel for financial reasons; Addressing the Actions Committee on behalf of the Government, he declared that most immigrants in the past 18 years had come not out of Zionist motivation but because they wanted to leave their countries of residence;

Adding that Western Jews would come only if the "spark of Zionism is kindled in their hearts," he said the Zionist movement must stress Jewish and Zionist education; The State of Israel must, in its turn, do everything for absorption of Western Jews, preparing suitable jobs, housing and investment possibilities for them; He lauded the United Jewish Appeal, the Israel Bond campaigns and Youth Aliya for making possible the building up of Israel;

ROBERT MULKU, KNOWN AS 'THE EICHMANN OF AUSCHWITZ', RELEASED FROM JAIL

BONN, Jan. 13: (JTA) -- Robert Mulka, the wartime assistant commandant of the Auschwitz concentration camp, who was sentenced last August to 14 years' imprisonment at hard labor for his war crimes, was released from prison today; The reason given for his release was that he was ill; He was known as 'the Eichmann of Auschwitz';

Mulka was considered one of the major Nazis responsible for the murder of several hundred thousand Jews at Auschwitz; During the 20-month long trial of leading Auschwitz personnel, he was accused of many atrocities; His 14-year sentence was the highest term given to all but six of the 20 defendants; The latter were sentenced to life imprisonment;

Consternation over Mulka's release was expressed here today; The State Prosecutor at Frankfurt, where the trial had been held, immediately filed a complaint against the freeing of Mulka; It was pointed out that long-term prisoners who become ill are usually transferred to a prison hospital, instead of being released outright;

(The Dutch Auschwitz Committee today sent a telegram to West Germany's Chancellor Ludwig Erhard, protesting Mulka's release, according to a Jewish Telegraphic Agency dispatch received today from The Hague; The Dutch group called the freeing of Mulka "an offense against the victims of Nazism;")

NAZI GENERAL, TWO AIDES ARRESTED FOR AIDING MASS-MURDER OF JEWS

MUNICH, Jan. 13: (JTA) -- Wilhelm Harster, 61, a former SS general, was arrested here yesterday on suspicion of complicity in the murder of Anne Frank; Two of his wartime assistants were arrested with him;

Harster was held on charges of complicity in murder in 83,000 cases as head of the Nazi Security Service which was responsible for the transport of many Jews to Nazi death camps; Arrested with him were Wilhelm Zoepf, 57, on suspicion of aiding in 94,328 murders and Gertrud Slotke, suspected of aiding in 93,328 murders;

MALAYSIA ANNOUNCES EXPULSION OF ISRAELI OFFICIAL; YIELDS TO ARABS

LCNDCN, Jan. 13: (JTA) -- Malaysian Prime Minister Tan Sri Abdul Rahman today announced in Kuala Lumpur the expulsion of an Israeli trade official and hinted strongly it was because of Arab pressure;

The official is Moshe Yegar, 35; He headed the Interasia Trading Co., Ltd., half-owned by the Israel Government; He was the only Israeli official allowed to live in the mainly Moslem nation; The Prime Minister told reporters that Mr. Yegar "was indulgent in politics and if he was to carry on, we would be embarrassed; We do not want to be quarrelling with the Arab countries;"

AMERICAN JESUIT ORGAN LAUDS HEBREW TRANSLATION OF 'PACEM IN TERRIS'

NEW YORK, Jan. 13: (JTA) -- A leading American Jesuit organ welcomed today publication in Jerusalem of a Hebrew translation of Pope John's Encyclical letter, "Pacem In Terris." An editorial in America, the Jesuit weekly, reports publication of the translation by the Hebrew University in Jerusalem with an introduction by Prof. David Flusser, who holds the chair of comparative religion.

The editorial noted that Prof. Flusser "stresses the appropriateness of the new translation into Hebrew, pointing to the continuity of Jewish and Christian ideals." It said that "the commentary makes only brief mention of the dark days of persecution, but pays tribute to the Church's work for peace through the centuries, and especially to Pope John's intense efforts for brotherly love." The editorial declared that "this unique publication is a generous irenic gesture in the continuing dialogue between Christians and Jews."

SINGER SEWING MACHINE CO. DENIES ARAB REPORTS ON BOYCOTTING ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Jan. 13: (JTA) -- An authorized spokesman for the Singer Company here confirmed today reports it had received an inquiry from an Arab Boycott office about its activities in Israel and added that there had been no changes in those activities.

The spokesman was asked about a recent announcement of the Arab boycott committee that the company had yielded to the boycott. The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, investigating the announcement, learned that the Arab boycott office in Libya had written to the company, which has no manufacturing facilities in Israel but sells its products through authorized dealers there.

The Boycott Office asked the company whether it was buying motors from the Redmond Amcor organization in Israel for Singer sewing machines sold by its dealers in Israel. The company replied that it did not buy such motors and the Arab Boycott Committee thereupon exploited the reply as a success for the Arab boycott.

The company spokesman said that Redmond Amcor motors were being purchased for use in its machines sold in Israel but that the purchases were made through the dealers. The spokesman said there had been no change of any kind in its operations in Israel since the exchange of communications with the Libya office.

AMERICA-ISRAEL CULTURAL FOUNDATION TO HONOR ARTUR RUBINSTEIN

NEW YORK, Jan. 13: (JTA) -- A concert in honor of Artur Rubinstein, the pianist, at Carnegie Hall, and a dinner in the Grand Ballroom of the New York Hilton Hotel, will be held by the America-Israel Cultural Foundation on Sunday. Proceeds from the event are for the benefit of the Foundation's programs to further Israel's cultural life.

Mr. Rubinstein will receive the Foundation's annual award for distinguished service to Israel's cultural life. The Foundation, of which Isaac Stern, the violinist, is president, supports projects in some 50 Israeli cultural institutions, fosters cultural exchange programs with Israel and grants some 300 scholarships annually to gifted young Israelis in all the arts. S. Hurok, the impresario, is chairman of the dinner.

AMERICAN FRIENDS OF TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY TO SEEK \$2,500,000 IN U.S.

NEW YORK, Jan. 13: (JTA) -- The newly-designated Israel Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Abba Eban, will make his first public appearance in the United States since assuming office this week, at an inaugural dinner of the American Friends of Tel Aviv University, to be held on February 3, it was reported today.

The dinner will highlight a nationwide effort by the AFTAU to raise \$2,500,000 for the establishment of the Moshe Sharett Institute of Educational Sciences. Designed to raise the general educational standards of Israel, the Institute will train urgently needed teachers in specialized fields, principals, district superintendents, school psychologists, administrators and other specialists.

FIRST HEBREW ALL-DAY SCHOOL TO BE ESTABLISHED IN KANSAS CITY

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 13: (JTA) -- Plans were announced here today for the establishment of the first Hebrew all-day school in Kansas City scheduled to open next fall with first and second grades. The school, to be known as the Hebrew Academy of Greater Kansas City, will also have a kindergarten and third grade during its first year of operation if there is sufficient demand for these grades.

According to plans worked out by a founding committee, the Hebrew Academy will be a private day school independent of any congregation, Hebrew school or any other local or national organization. During its initial year, classes will be held at the school facilities of Chev Sholom Congregation which the Academy will rent. Milton Firestone, editor of the Kansas City Jewish Chronicle, is among the founders of the new institution.