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## ESHKOL REPORTS ON DEFENSE; SAYS ISRAEL'S SECURITY HAS NOT DETERIORATED

JERUSALEM, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- Prime Minister Levi Eshkol told the Parliamentary Foreign Affairs and Security Committee last night that Israel's security had not deteriorated since he assumed the Defense Portfolio two and a half years ago.

He made the statement in reply to a question about charges made by former Premier David Ben-Gurion in which Mr. Ben-Gurion had accused Mr. Eshkol of bringing politics into Israel's defense activities. The Premier commented that the charges were completely unfounded and were, in any case, so nebulous that reply was impossible.

After hearing the Premier, the committee agreed not to ask Mr. Ben-Gurion to appear and give his charges in detail but that, if he wished, he could raise them as a motion for the agenda.

## HAIFA TECHNION HOLDS EMERGENCY MEETING OVER THREATENED STRIKE

HAIFA, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- The Senate of the Haifa Institute of Technology held an emergency meeting today to consider a threatened strike by 1,200 administrative employees and 650 members of the academic staff over non-payment of salary arrears totaling 4,000,000 pounds (\$1,333,000).

Academic personnel at all Israeli institutions of higher learning have scheduled a general walkout starting next Monday if back pay arrears are not included with January paychecks.

There were reports that the Technion's executive council, made up of 20 members of the school's board of governors, might resign over the strike issue and the possibility that recently-elected President Alexander Goldberg might offer to return his mandate was not ruled out.

## EBAN ARRIVES IN U.S. FOR TALKS IN WASHINGTON; INVITED BY CANADA

NEW YORK, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- Israel's new Foreign Minister, Abba Eban, was invited today by Canada's Prime Minister, Lester B. Pearson, to confer with the Dominion leader at Ottawa, it was announced here today. Mr. Eban arrived last night from France, where he had conferred with French Foreign Minister Maurice Couve de Murville. The Pearson invitation reached here today. Mr. Eban accepted immediately, saying he would visit Mr. Pearson a week from tomorrow.

On Friday, Mr. Eban is scheduled to lunch with United Nations Secretary-General U Thant. He will be accompanied on that visit by Ambassador Michael Comay, Israel's permanent representative to the U.N. Tomorrow night, Mr. Eban will address a dinner here of the Friends of Tel Aviv University. Meanwhile he will spend the rest of his time conferring with leaders of various Jewish organizations.

In all of his conferences with foreign leaders, the principal item on Mr. Eban's agenda has been, and will be, the situation in the Middle East. That topic will be given his major attention next week when he will spend three days in Washington. He is scheduled to meet with Secretary of State Dean Rusk on Tuesday, and with Vice-President Hubert H. Humphrey the following day.

Next week, Mr. Eban will deliver two major addresses in Philadelphia, one at the University of Pennsylvania, the other at Temple University, where he will be the recipient of an honorary degree. Over the weekend, he will address an Israel Bond rally in Los Angeles.

(In an interview printed today by the Paris morning newspaper, Combat, Mr. Eban stressed his government's "anxiety" over the Eastern bloc's arming of Egypt. He noted that the Western bloc has, on the other hand, helped consolidate Israel's position "for years." He said that, in his talks with foreign affairs leaders in Paris, the subject of Israel's defense problems "comes up constantly," as it does in Israeli talks with other friendly powers.)

BRITISH PREMIER URGED TO DISCUSS MIDDLE EAST PEACE IN MOSCOW TALKS

LONDON, Feb. 2: (JTA) -- Maurice Edelman, president of the Anglo-Jewish Association, expressed the hope tonight that British Premier Harold Wilson might find it possible on his forthcoming visit to Moscow to obtain Soviet support for a peace initiative in the Middle East.

He told the Council of the AJA that while world attention was being focussed on the war in South Viet Nam, the arms race between Israel and the Arab states "again gathers momentum." He asserted that because Israel was obliged to consider countermeasures, the hope of creating a nuclear-free zone in the Middle East was fading.

Referring to Mr. Wilson's Moscow visit, the AJA chairman said that to prevent an Arab-Israeli conflict, with the grave possibility of escalation, the Great Powers must make a concerted effort to bring the conflicting parties to the conference table.

He assailed planned West German cuts in indemnification to victims of Nazism and said the victims were being made to shoulder an economic burden for which they had no responsibility. He added that while it was impossible to compel West Germany to meet its obligations promptly and in full, there was surely a moral obligation to ameliorate the hardships of victims who have had to wait 20 to 30 years for a modicum of redress for the injuries they suffered.

VIET CONG LEADER BACKS ARABS; SAYS ISRAEL IS 'TOOL OF IMPERIALISM'

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2: (JTA) -- Chairman Nguyen Huu Tho, of the central committee of the National Liberation Front for the Liberation of South Viet Nam (the Viet Cong) has condemned Israel as "the aggressive tool of imperialism" and voiced support of the Arab struggle against Israel, according to Egyptian broadcasts reported here today.

The Cairo radio said the Viet Cong leader cabled Ahmad Shukairy, head of the Palestine Liberation Organization, that the Viet Cong "wished the Palestine (Arab) people further success in their struggle against Israel, the aggressive tool of imperialism, and the realization of their hope of returning to Palestine."

(A Tel Aviv dispatch to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today reported that the Israel Communist Party received an Oriental New Year greeting from the Viet Cong. The message had been sent by the Viet Cong to the section of the Israel Communist Party led by Jews, instead of to the Communist dissident group in Israel composed chiefly of Arabs. Moscow recognizes the Jewish Communists in Israel.)

Shukairy thanked the Viet Cong and "on his own behalf and that of the Palestine people, expressed his sincerest wishes to the Vietnamese people in their struggle to liberate their homeland from American imperialism." The Arab leader hoped "that the Vietnamese people would be able to achieve unification and that it would not be too long before peace prevails in Viet Nam."

The Palestine Liberation Organization has urged a "war of national liberation" against the Jewish population of Israel, and has created guerrilla infiltration forces for raids across Israel's borders. Shukairy was received last year by Communist Chinese leaders in Peking and was reportedly advised to initiate guerrilla warfare against Israel.

GOLDA MEIR CONSENTS TO ACCEPT POST OF SECRETARY GENERAL OF MAPAI

TEL AVIV, Feb. 2: (JTA) -- Mrs. Golda Meir, who resigned recently as Foreign Minister after many years in that post, was understood today to have consented to become secretary general of the Mapai Party. She was expected to give her formal consent to the appointment at a meeting of the Mapai appointments committee in Jerusalem.

Moshe Kol, Minister of Development and Tourism, agreed today to continue temporarily as head of the Youth Aliyah Department of the Jewish Agency, a post he relinquished when he was named to the Cabinet. Mr. Kol, who is not a member of the newly elected Jewish Agency executive was asked by Aryeh L. Pincus, chairman of the executive, to stay on as head of Youth Aliyah until his successor was named.

The Knesset, Israel's Parliament, today was informed that Binyamin Shahor of the National Religious Party had been appointed Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs and that he has already taken up his new post. When Prime Minister Levi Eshkol's new coalition Cabinet was presented to the Knesset two weeks ago, Religious Affairs Minister Zorah Warhaftig announced that he reserved the right to appoint a Deputy.

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY SPOKESMAN DENIES GROUP IS ANTI-SEMITIC

SAN MARINO, Calif., Feb. 2: (JTA) -- A spokesman for the John Birch Society today denied the Society fostered anti-Semitism as charged by the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League at its conference this week in New York. John Rousselot, national director of public relations, claimed that "many of our members are Jewish."

MASS GRAVE OF 1,350 JEWS KILLED BY NAZIS DISCOVERED IN KHERSON

LONDON, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- A mass grave of at least 1,350 persons, assumed to be Jews murdered during the Nazi occupation, has been found in the city of Kherson, Ukraine, according to a dispatch received here today from Moscow.

The report stated that the mass grave had been found by workers in Kherson excavating a site for new construction.

AUDIENCE IN AUSTRIAN COURT OBSTRUCTS TRIAL OF NAZIS WHO KILLED JEWS

SALZBURG, Austria, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- A war crimes trial here against two ex-Nazis accused of murdering Jews in Poland, in 1941, was interrupted today when a packed courtroom audience staged a demonstration favoring the defendants.

The men on trial are brothers, Johann and Wilhelm Mauer, of Stanislaw. Their defense counsel had just told the court that "a conspiracy" had been framed against the brothers, when people in the audience started shouting "bravo." The judge adjourned the session, but not until Dr. Hans Olscher, chief of the prosecution, had denied the defense contention that the accusations against the Mauer brothers had been made "by Jews or Communists." He said the charges had been brought on the initiative of the West German Central Office for the Prosecution of Nazi Criminals, at Ludwigsburg, Germany.

Victor Bach, of New York, told the court prior to the outbreak that both brothers had participated in the liquidation of the Jewish intelligence service at Stanislaw. Mr. Bach had been, in 1941, a member of the Stanislaw Jewish Council. He testified he had seen the men murder a key member of the Stanislaw Jewish intelligence group.

Another witness, Mrs. Maria Madek, widow of a former Polish resistance fighter, testified that the SS tortured people in Stanislaw in an effort to find the headquarters of the local resistance group. She specifically identified Wilhelm Mauer as one of the Nazis who played a role in the torture practices. Both brothers, however, denied the accusations.

GERMAN MINISTER OF JUSTICE URGED TO BAN ANTI-SEMITIC NEWSPAPER

BONN, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- The Organization of Nazi Victims in Bavaria demanded today of Federal Justice Minister Richard Jaeger the banning of the extreme rightwing newspaper, the Deutsche National- und Soldaten-Zeitung which has been denounced in the West German Parliament for its anti-Semitic articles.

The Nazi victims protested against two issues of the weekly newspaper, one with a story headlined, "The Lie of the Gas Chambers," and another with a story with the headline, "The Lie of the Murder of Six Million Jews." The second article asserted that Germans were being blackmailed with the second "lie."

With a circulation of 200,000, the rightwing paper has become the second largest weekly in West Germany and is widely displayed on newspaper stalls throughout the country.

INQUIRY STARTED INTO ANTI-SEMITIC ACTS OF JERSEY YOUNG REPUBLICANS

TRENTON, N.J., Feb. 2. (JTA) -- New Jersey state investigators opened a formal investigation today into charges that an ultra-Conservative element in the New Jersey Young Republicans sponsored alleged anti-Semitic, racist and extremist activities.

The probe was launched by State Attorney General Arthur J. Sills and was accompanied by fresh charges against the "Rat Finks," as members of the faction call themselves, by State Senator Nelson F. Stamler, an independent Republican. Sen. Stamler, who had earlier aired a charge that the faction had sung an anti-Semitic song at state and national Young Republican conventions last summer, accused the faction of systematically discouraging Jews and Negroes from joining the Young Republicans. Mr. Sills said that the reported singing of such songs might constitute "discriminatory proceedings" in violation of state civil rights laws.

National and state Republican party chairmen also took action today. They ordered ouster of the Rat Finks who allegedly took part in the "sing-alongs" at the state Young Republican convention last May and at a national convention last June. Sen. Stamler had asserted that the anti-Semitic and racist songs were published in a seven-page song sheet used in the "sing-alongs."

Sen. Stamler said that he knew of a number of Jews who had applied for membership in Young Republican county units and who had been "harassed" by Rat Fink adherents until they stopped coming to meetings. Mr. Stamler, the only Jewish Republican in the New Jersey Legislature, said one Rat Fink technique was to subject Jewish applicants to hostile questioning, and then to seat them apart from the membership.

FIVE-DAY EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON YIDDISH CULTURE HELD IN LONDON

LONDON, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- Yiddish has such deep roots in Jewish life that it still remains a powerful influence among Jews in most countries around the world, Aaron Steinberg, head of the cultural department of the World Jewish Congress, declared here.

Mr. Steinberg was one of a wide array of speakers at the concluding session last night of the fifth European Yiddish Symposium, held here, with participants representing vital sectors of Jewish cultural activities in England, France, Belgium, Denmark, West Germany, Sweden and Argentina.

Among the participants from this country were Joseph Leftwich, S. J. Goldsmith, Dr. S. Levenberg and Dr. S. Birenbaum, Isaiah Anug, Minister of the Israeli Embassy in London, and former envoy to several Latin American countries, told the symposium that, in Israel, "there is a genuine love for Yiddish and a keen desire to preserve this inheritance of the Jewish people."

Other speakers included Rabbi M. Tchaskala, who read a paper on the traditional use of Yiddish in the East European yehivoh; Elchanan Vogler, poet; Marc Turkow, who reported on the widespread use of Yiddish throughout the Jewish communities in Latin America; and Isaac Pugatch, of France.

SHOLEM ALEICHEM'S COMEDY PERFORMED IN BERLIN IN GERMAN LANGUAGE

BERLIN, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- Sholem Aleichem's comedy, "Two Hundred Thousand," is being performed in West Berlin for the first time in the German language. The comedy is being performed at the Freie Volksbuhne Theater which was the scene last October of a documentary play about the horrors of the Auschwitz death camp, "The Investigation," based on the testimony of the first trial of Auschwitz personnel in Frankfurt.

Peter Frye, whose production of the comedy at the Ohel Theater in Tel Aviv has already exceeded 300 performances, was invited to come to West Germany to direct its first production in German. Martin Berliner, a veteran German Jewish actor, plays the role of the lighthearted little tailor, Shimele Soroker.

LIBRARY IN MEMORY OF MOSES LEAVITT TO BE ESTABLISHED IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- Friends and associates of the late Moses A. Leavitt will establish a library in Israel in memory of the Joint Distribution Committee's longtime executive vice-chairman, who died last year at the age of 71. The library is to be an addition to the Paul Baerwald School of Social Work of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

The project was announced today by Louis Broido, JDC chairman. The library is to cost \$125,000, to be raised by contributions from Mr. Leavitt's friends and colleagues, both in the United States and overseas. The Baerwald School was chosen as the site of the memorial library because Mr. Leavitt was largely instrumental in the establishment of the school in 1958. The school was the first undergraduate school in Israel to give a degree in social work, and is now a major source of trained professional personnel for Israel's welfare agencies, Government departments, and communities.

In announcing the establishment of the Leavitt Memorial Library, Mr. Broido asked that contributions be sent either to the United Jewish Appeal, or direct to JDC. Individuals outside of New York City will be invited to participate in cooperation with local federations and welfare funds.

DR. LOUIS MANN, LEADING REFORM RABBI, DIES IN CHICAGO; WAS 76

CHICAGO, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- Dr. Louis L. Mann, a leading Reform rabbi and scholar and a founder of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, died in the hospital here yesterday at the age of 76.

He retired as rabbi of Chicago's Sinai Temple in 1962 after 39 years in its pulpit but continued as a lecturer in the University of Chicago oriental languages department. He was also a founder of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations and of the Planned Parenthood Association. He had been a member of the executive boards of the Central Conference of American Rabbis and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

RABBI COHEN, REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF HILLEL FOUNDATIONS, DEAD

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- Funeral services were held here today for Rabbi Jehudah M. Cohen, Pacific regional director of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations, who died Monday at the age of 58. Rabbi Cohen supervised Hillel activities for Jewish students on 25 campuses in eight western states and British Columbia. He served as director of the Hillel Foundation at the University of Michigan from 1940 to 1946 and at the University of California at Los Angeles from 1946 to 1959.