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## ESHKOL WARNS SYRIA; KNESSET DEFEATS MOTION AGAINST RETALIATION

JERUSALEM, May 17. (JTA) -- Prime Minister Levi Eshkol, discussing the Syrian attacks in which two Israelis were killed early yesterday when their jeep was blown up by a Syrian-placed mine, told the Knesset (Parliament) today that "when all other methods fail to halt the murderers, a country must act."

He made that statement in rejecting a motion by the Communist faction in the House which sought to enjoin the Government from retaliating against Syria through a military raid. The motion was defeated by a vote of 64-4. Instead, the Parliament acceded to Mr. Eshkol's request that the entire issue regarding Syria be referred to the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Security Committee.

In speaking of the killing of the two Israelis by the Syrian mine, near the Israeli village of Almogor, the Premier said the incident was only one of a series of Arab terrorist incursions involving saboteurs that have infiltrated into Israel also from Jordan and Lebanon. However, he laid the principal blame for the terrorism on Syria.

"This Government," the Premier said, "like those that preceded it, cannot permit violence to be carried out by neighboring states on Israel's borders. Israel can talk, warn, draw attention of the powers to the situation, exercise certain restraint. But, when all this leads nowhere, and murders continue -- she must act to deter the murderers at the cost of further lives."

Mr. Eshkol also replied to a statement by the Soviet Union which had declared Israeli action against Syria's Communist-oriented Government would be "folly." "It is Syria's behavior," he said, "and not her regime that matters."

The tensions regarding the northern border with Syria mounted as Israeli army investigations found today that the mine near Almogor, which killed the two Israelis, had been planted by members of Syria's army, and not by the civilian saboteurs organized in the El Fatah terrorist gangs. Israeli army investigators found, in probing the incident, that three Syrian army saboteurs had infiltrated the area near that village, coming from a Syrian military base in the immediate vicinity of the Syrian-Israeli border.

The army announced also today that, last Saturday, Syrian MIG-21 jet planes flew over Israel in the vicinity of Almogor. The army said that the Syrian craft returned to Syria before Israeli jet fighters, sent aloft immediately, could engage the MIGs. Israel has filed a complaint about the overflights as well as over the fatal mine incident with the Syrian-Israeli Mixed Armistice Commission.

## Tensions Grow in Israel Over Terrorism Directed from Syria

The tensions in Israel, following yesterday morning's mine explosion near Almogor, have reached heights unparalleled in many months. Experienced observers have expressed fears that, unless Syria abstains from further provocations, even more serious incidents of the gravest nature may be expected.

The Jerusalem Post, discussing the Syrian border situation editorially today said, that the new wave of anti-Israeli terror is the after-effect of the attitude of "a certain world power anxious to please the Arabs." With such backing, stated the newspaper, the Syrians believe they are secure in continuance of their aggressions. Other newspapers today warned of the "serious consequences" to which Syria is exposing herself.

## Israel Submits Complaint Against Syria to U.N. Council

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., May 17. (JTA) -- Israel today submitted a complaint to the Security Council on Syria's aggressions, culminating early yesterday in the deaths of two Israelis whose jeep was blown up by a Syrian mine planted in an Israeli field near Almogor. The Israeli complaint stressed that the Almogor incident constitutes "a gross violation" of the 1949 armistice agreement between Israel and Syria. "Syrian conduct," declared Israel, "represents a constant and ever-recurring threat to the interests of regional peace."

In the complaint, Ambassador Michael S. Comay, Israel's permanent representative here, noted that "hired terrorists" which, he stated, "have the unreserved public backing of the Government of Syria," have carried out 47 acts of violence and sabotage against Israel since January, 1965. The Israeli letter did not call upon the Security Council to meet on the issue.

RUSK SAYS U.S. STUDYING AID TO EGYPT; OPPOSITION VOICED IN SENATE

WASHINGTON, May 17. (JTA) -- Secretary of State Dean Rusk told a press conference today that, despite criticism of the United States by Egyptian President Nasser, this country is continuing to study Egypt's requests for aid.

Mr. Rusk said the Administration had "certain requests" from Egypt "in front of us." He said such requests were being studied against the background of the entire situation and that he would not want to anticipate the result of this study. He said the American Government was concerned about some of the things said about the United States in Cairo, but indicated that the Administration was mindful of the total picture of relations with Egypt.

Sen. Ernest Gruening, Alaska Democrat, today said in a Senate speech that it was "amazing" that America continued aiding Egypt "to carry on reckless militarism in Yemen as well as to carry on other aggressive policies and acts in every way hostile to the purposes of the United States." He said Nasser is "Russia's cat's-paw and is playing Russia's game in the Middle East. It is clear that our financial aid, which should have ceased long ago, should now be cut off."

Sen. Jacob Javits, New York Republican, announced today in a Senate speech that he had asked the State Department to make a public report on the status of Egypt's aid application, and to state the official United States response to Mr. Nasser's recent anti-American "blackmail and threats." He stressed that, while he favored food for Egyptians as a relief measure, assistance should not be allowed to subsidize Nasser's war machine.

HAIFA STEVEDORES REBUFF HISTADRUT PROPOSALS; RESUME SLOW-DOWN

HAIFA, May 17. (JTA) -- An apparent agreement between the Haifa port stevedores and the Histadrut, Israel's federation of labor, to restore labor peace at the port, collapsed last night when a committee of the stevedores unanimously rejected the Histadrut proposals. The stevedores are now in the third week of a slow-down of loading operations.

The stevedores' committee called for "further talks with the Histadrut trade union department and the Haifa Labor Council to clarify disputed points" of their demands. These involve higher pay and changes in working conditions. The decision to continue the slow-down came after a seven-hour meeting in Tel Aviv which ended yesterday morning with apparent acceptance of the Histadrut proposals. However, the stevedores' committee dissociated itself from the decision today.

The rebuff was a sharp disappointment to Histadrut negotiators who had believed their formula had been accepted. When the Haifa Labor Council met yesterday afternoon, however, a majority contended that the Histadrut's proposals were "insufficiently detailed" and that the stevedores would hold out for commitments "in black and white." The demands, informed sources said, amounted to requests for increases of between 30 and 40 percent of existing pay scales.

ISRAEL CABINET ASKS PARLIAMENT TO STUDY COUNTRY'S SCHOOL SYSTEM

JERUSALEM, May 17. (JTA) -- The Cabinet today requested the Knesset (Parliament) to select a committee of 19 of its members to study the entire structure of Israel's elementary and higher education system. The Cabinet asked the Knesset to coopt for that committee also four representatives from Israeli teachers' organizations, and to complete a report by March, 1967.

The step was taken by the Cabinet because organizations of teachers had protested against recommendations by another committee, headed by Prof. Y. Praver, which has proposed that high schools enroll students after only six years of elementary schooling. At present, high schools do not accept students until they have completed eight years of elementary work.

BEN-GURION'S PARTY OPENS ITS FIRST NATIONAL CONVENTION TODAY

JERUSALEM, May 17. (JTA) -- The first national convention of the Israel Workers Party (Rafi), formed by former Premier David Ben-Gurion in a challenge to the Mapai Party and national leadership of Premier Levi Eshkol, will open here tomorrow night in the presence of an expected 1,200 delegates and 2,000 guests. The conclave will last three days.

During the convention, the delegates will outline in a resolution the dissident party's conditions for joining the Mapai-dominated Government coalition. These are a strong defense policy geared to the regional status quo; striving for greater productivity and efficiency in the economy; electoral reform; and protection of Israeli living standards. Mr. Ben-Gurion and Shimon Peres, Rafi secretary-general, will address the opening session.

GERMANY REPORTED ANGRY OVER ISRAEL'S SUPPORT OF POLISH BOUNDARY

BONN, May 17. (JTA) -- West German Foreign Minister Gerhard Schroeder declared in a speech in the Bundestag today West Germany expected that the goodwill it had shown in the successful negotiations with Israel for an economic aid agreement would be recognized by Israel because "such goodwill must be bilateral."

Political observers here said that Dr. Schroeder was referring indirectly to the Israeli note to Poland last week, reaffirming Israel's support of the Oder-Neisse line between Germany and Poland as the permanent demarcation line between the two countries.

It was reported that there was considerable anger in the Government about the note and its timing, which coincided with the completion of the economic aid agreement. However, no official announcement has been made here because West German-Israeli relations are considered as still very delicate. Fears also were expressed that rightwing radical groups would make capital of Israel's stand on the Oder-Neisse boundaries, which Germany has never officially accepted.

(In Israel, Dr. Rolf Pauls, West Germany's Ambassador, conferred today with Aryeh Levavi, director-general of the Foreign Ministry, and requested official "clarification" of the note expressing Israel's support of the Warsaw Government's contention that Poland's Oder-Neisse borders with Germany cannot be altered.)

GERMAN FIRM AGREES TO PAY COMPENSATION TO JEWISH SLAVE LABORERS

WASHINGTON, May 17. (JTA) -- The Rheinmetall German Arms Works, recipient of a \$74,200,000 arms contract from the United States, has deposited 2,500,000 marks (\$625,000) in a Frankfurt bank yesterday to settle claims of survivors of wartime forced labor at its plant, the B'nai B'rith announced here today.

Dr. William A. Wexler, B'nai B'rith international president, said the money was deposited for the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany. The firm had been severely criticized for a record of consistent refusal to consider the claims of some 1,000 survivors, many of whom are now American citizens. It was indicated that the Rheinmetall compromise agreement was a factor in the U.S. Defense Department's decision to give the German firm the contract for production of cannon.

Last February, B'nai B'rith protested to the State and Defense Departments against the plan to give Rheinmetall the contract. The B'nai B'rith objection was based on refusal by Rheinmetall to accept "any moral or legal obligation" or enter into any discussion for "even token payments" to survivors. The State Department then advised B'nai B'rith of its interest in an equitable solution of the dispute. Rheinmetall is the fifth West German firm to settle such claims. Others are Krupp, I.G. Farben, A.E.T.-Telefunken and Siemens-Halske.

CONFERENCE OF ITALIAN JEWISH COMMUNITIES PLEDGES AID TO ISRAEL

ROME, May 17. (JTA) -- A resolution reaffirming the "deep links" between Italian Jewry and the State of Israel and pledging to reinforce such links, was approved today by delegates to the seventh annual conference of the Union of Italian Jewish Communities.

The resolution adopted by the 42 delegates from Italy's 22 Jewish communities said such links were intended to guarantee and protect the life and security of Israel and that of the Jewish communities in other countries from the dangers of assimilation. The resolution pledged to further the goals of the Italian Zionist Federation.

In another resolution, the delegates expressed the hope that Soviet authorities would make it possible for Russian Jews to promote fully the values of their Jewish culture and tradition. The resolution urged that the religious life of Soviet Jewry not be hindered and that freedom of reunion would be made possible in Israel or elsewhere for Russian Jews who are members of families surrendered during the Nazi holocaust.

The delegates also conveyed, in another resolution, cordial and fraternal greetings to the World Jewish Congress on its 30th anniversary. The resolution lauded the work done by the WJC to defend and consolidate in the world the unity of the Jewish people, as well as expressing satisfaction that the WJC had established an office in Italy to work with Italian Jewish communities in the study of Jewish problems. The resolution invited Italian Jewish communities to collaborate with the new WJC office.

CONVENTION ELECTS RABBI BOHNEN PRESIDENT OF RABBINICAL ASSEMBLY

TORONTO, May 15. (JTA) -- Rabbi Eli A. Bohnen of Providence, R.I. was elected today to a one-year term as president of the Rabbinical Assembly of America at the 66th annual convention of the association of Conservative rabbis. He succeeds Rabbi Max J. Routtenberg of Rockville Center, N.Y. Rabbi Ralph Simon of Chicago was elected vice-president.

N.Y. LEGISLATURE APPROVES 'LENDING' TEXTBOOKS TO RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS

ALBANY, N. Y., May 17. (JTA) -- The New York State Assembly approved by a huge majority yesterday an expansion of the hotly-debated 1965 law allowing public school boards to provide religious and other non-public schools with any textbooks they request.

After the Assembly vote, the Senate also passed the measure. Gov. Rockefeller, who signed the 1965 measure, will sign the new one. In debate preceding the vote, arguments focused -- as they did last year -- on the constitutionality of the measure. Several Jewish organizations have opposed such bills as violating the state and federal requirements of church-state separation. A suit challenging the constitutionality of the 1965 law has been started by the East Greenbush school district. The 1965 measure becomes effective next September 1.

The 1965 law permits local school boards in the state to "lend" textbooks to pupils in the seventh through twelfth grades in non-public schools. The state would reimburse the local boards up to \$10 per pupil. The bill passed by the Legislature empowers the state to reimburse local school boards up to \$25 per pupil in the first year and \$10 per pupil annually thereafter. Under the bill, any money spent by local boards above the \$25 and \$10 limits can be included by the local board in its operating expenses on which state aid to school districts is based. Foes of the measure said this "loophole" made the \$25 and \$10 limits meaningless.

DAROFF HONORED FOR AID TO HEBREW UNIVERSITY; GETS SCOPUS AWARD

NEW YORK, May 17. (JTA) -- Senator Abraham Ribicoff, of Connecticut, urged tonight that the United States and the Soviet Union use their influence to end the arms race in the Middle East. He spoke at a dinner of the Society of Founders of the American Friends of the Hebrew University at which Samuel H. Daroff, of Philadelphia, was presented with the Scopus Award, the highest honor of the American Friends.

In making the presentation, Nathaniel L. Goldstein, president of the American Friends, told the 500 guests at the dinner that the award was intended to honor not only Mr. Daroff, but also his brothers, Michael and Joseph, for their long service to the Hebrew University and to Israel. Mr. Goldstein announced that a new science building at the university will be named the Daroff Center for Isotope Research in honor of the Daroff family.

ARGENTINE JEWRY HONORS MEMORY OF JEWISH HISTORIAN KILLED BY NAZIS

BUENOS AIRES, May 17. (JTA) -- Cornerstone-laying ceremonies were held here today for the Simon Dubnow House of the World Congress for Jewish Culture in the presence of leading Argentine personalities and Jewish communal leaders. Dr. Dubnow, noted Jewish historian, was killed by the Nazis in Riga, Latvia.

In a message read to the assemblage by Arie Bustan, cultural attache at the Israel Embassy, Israel President Zalman Shazar recalled his early years as the assistant in St. Petersburg, Russia, of Dr. Dubnow. Speakers included Jonas Goroditzky, president of the Culture Congress, Itzhak Jonasovich, secretary; Zvi Fainguersch, president of the Buenos Aires Kehilla; Josef Horn, secretary of the building committee; and Leon Fatlis, a member of Parliament.

50th ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH OF SHOLEM ALEICHEM COMMEMORATED IN LONDON

LONDON, May 17. (JTA) -- The 50th anniversary of the death of Sholem Aleichem was commemorated here last night at a Yiddish symposium organized by the World Jewish Congress and the Society of Jewish Journalists and Writers.

The late Sholem Aleichem's association with Zionism was detailed in one of the principal papers, read at the meeting by Josef Fraenkel. Excerpts from Sholem Aleichem's works were read by Helena Kaut, a member of the repertory group of the Yiddish Folk Theater in Warsaw.

ARIEH KUBOVY, HEAD OF YAD VASHEM, DEAD; WAS ISRAELI CAREER DIPLOMAT

JERUSALEM, May 17. (JTA) -- Arie Kubovy, chairman of Yad Vashem, the Israel center for documentation of the Nazi holocaust, and for many years an Israeli career diplomat, died last night in Padassah Hospital after a long illness. He was 69.

Born in Lithuania, he was brought at an early age to Belgium where he received his education at the University of Brussels and the University of Liege. Settling in Israel in 1948, he served as chairman of the board of the School of Law and Economics in Tel Aviv and as a consulting member of the Mapai Council before entering Israel's foreign service. He served as Minister Plenipotentiary to Czechoslovakia and Poland and as Ambassador to Argentina and Minister to Chile.

Before coming to Israel he was a deputy member of the Antwerp City Council, a delegate to several World Zionist Congresses, and a co-founder of the World Boycott Movement against Nazi Trade. He was head of the rescue department of the World Jewish Congress from 1943 to 1945 and served on rescue and rehabilitation missions to Europe after the war. He wrote a number of books.