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### BEN-GURION ATTACKS ESHKOL ON GERMAN LOAN; KNESSET BACKS PREMIER

JERUSALEM, May 23. (JTA) -- A statement by Prime Minister Levi Eshkol on the agreement with the West German Government for a \$40,000,000 loan to Israel this year was approved today by the Israel Parliament, despite a bitter attack by ex-Premier David Ben-Gurion.

Mr. Ben-Gurion said that "the Government of Israel has humiliated itself" in accepting the loan. The sum obtained, he contended, is smaller than the amount previously agreed upon, and "the entire manner in which the negotiations were conducted has been shameful." The only reason for signing the pact with West Germany on the terms accepted by Mr. Eshkol, he said, was "Eshkol's desire to bolster the failing strength of his government."

"This," he went on to say, "is further proof that Eshkol is unfit to be Prime Minister." He revealed formally for the first time that Dr. Konrad Adenauer, when he was Chancellor of West Germany, had pledged in 1960 to lend Israel \$500,000,000. That pledge, said Mr. Ben-Gurion, was given to him by Dr. Adenauer when they conferred six years ago at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York. He said the money was to have been used for development in the Negev Desert.

Mr. Ben-Gurion's criticisms were taken up by other members of the Knesset, including Y. Hazan, of Mapam, and Z. Tsur, of Achdut Avodah, both representatives of parties in the present government's coalition. Both attacked the manner in which the economic aid talks were conducted with West Germany, and Mr. Hazan proposed that no further loans be accepted from the Bonn Government. Agudath Israel also joined in attacking Mr. Eshkol over the economic aid pact.

Replying, Mr. Eshkol told the house that the terms of the German loan are favorable and constitute "the first link in a chain of future financial relations" with the Bonn Government. Conceding the correctness of Mr. Ben-Gurion's report about the agreement with Dr. Adenauer, Mr. Eshkol said that the terms stated by the former Bonn chancellor had not been met. It took two years of negotiations to get the first installment of a \$50,000,000 loan, he stressed.

The Prime Minister reiterated his repeated contention that West Germany has a moral obligation to aid Israel. He referred to the manner in which he had told Dr. Adenauer here two weeks ago of Germany's moral obligation, but declared that "inexact German translation" of his remarks made his comment appear "much sharper" than he had intended.

As part of his report to the Knesset, Mr. Eshkol also mentioned the agreement announced last week for Israel's purchase of Skyhawk light bombers from the United States. These planes, he said, will "complement vitally the array of weapons possessed by Israel's air force." "The security situation vis-a-vis our neighbors," he added, "has not been worsened by as much as one grain of sand."

### ISRAEL CABINET AMENDS LIBEL LAW; SEEKS APPROVAL OF PARLIAMENT

JERUSALEM, May 23. (JTA) -- Amendments to Israel's year-old libel law, enacted during the final days of the Knesset (Parliament) last summer and decried vigorously by many persons in Israel interested in freedom of the press, were adopted by the Cabinet here yesterday and placed on the Knesset's agenda today.

The amendments to the law, denounced as overly drastic by many journalists, had been recommended by a special commission created by the Cabinet to consider the protests. Under the new version, printers of libelous materials, or distributors of such matter, will not be held responsible unless they knew, or should have known, that the material was libelous. If the material is deemed libelous, only the news editor or editor-in-chief of a publication would be held responsible. The Cabinet made it clear in adopting the amendments that publication of truth is in the public interest.

Among the commission's recommendations was a clause forbidding the "treatment of news items in such a manner that the normal proportions of the item are exceeded." The Cabinet struck that clause from the new version. The commission that studied the changes in the libel law was appointed last year by Prime Minister Levi Eshkol. It was headed by Supreme Court Justice Alfred Witkon.

DR. GOLDMANN ASKS SWEDISH PREMIER TO INTERVENE FOR JEWS IN RUSSIA

STOCKHOLM, May 23. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress, met here today with Sweden's Prime Minister Tage Erlander and urged him to take up the issue of discriminations against Soviet Jews by the Soviet authorities during his forthcoming meeting with Soviet Premier Aleksei Kosygin.

Addressing a mass meeting here, to launch a fund-raising drive on behalf of the Tel Aviv Museum of the History of European Jews, Dr. Goldmann warned that preservation of Judaism in the current era is endangered by the fact that "Jews everywhere are comparatively well off."

"Indispensable to world Jewry's survival," he stated, "is the creation of new motivational sources based primarily on Jewish history, Jewish sufferings, Jewish achievements. Education and knowledge are needed to create greater Jewish pride. Without pride in Israel, one views the Jewish future pessimistically. Israel's great task is to replace and to surpass the annihilated Jewish centers in Europe."

With regard to the position of the Jews in the Soviet Union, Dr. Goldmann said that while it is true that Jews hold prominent positions there, they are "prevented from enjoying their religious, lingual and cultural identity."

'Israel Day' Held at International Exhibition in Moscow

WASHINGTON, May 23. (JTA) -- The Soviet Embassy here reported today that Israel has been honored by the Soviet International Modern Agricultural Machinery and Equipment exhibition in Moscow. A "National Day" was designated for Israel at the exhibition on May 19, the report said.

An Israeli pavilion, with some 40 exhibits displayed by 36 Israeli enterprises holds a "prominent place" in the exhibition, the report stated. Israeli participation was favorably noted by Ivan Sinitsin, Minister of Tractor and Agricultural Machinery Industry of the USSR. A total of 700 enterprises from 20 nations, including the United States, are taking part in the exhibition.

Israel Ambassador Katriel Katz, in an address on "Israel Day" at the exhibition, voiced "the hope that the participation of his country in the exhibition would help further develop business and friendly relations between the Soviet Union and Israel." Mrs. Shulamit Gilead, the Israeli pavilion director, welcomed the audience with the traditional "Shalom," the Soviet report noted. She described the manufacture of agricultural equipment in Israel, and acquainted the Soviet audience with Israel scientific research and achievements. She voiced hope that "the mutual acquaintance of Soviet and Israeli experts would yield fruitful results."

The Soviet Embassy here said "The large number of Soviet specialists, who were present at the Israeli National Day ceremonies, displayed keen interest in the Israeli exhibits, which include irrigation and poultry farm equipment, soil cultivation machines, and trailers of different types. The Israeli experts are giving a series of lectures. A lecture by Prof. Yalan of Israel dealt with soil cultivation and mechanization and the development of agricultural areas in Israel. According to the Soviet report "This lecture evoked wide interest among Soviet engineers and scientists."

The Soviet Embassy report said "Lively discussions in Russian and Yiddish took place on Israel National Day at the Moscow exhibition. Soviet experts and ordinary visitors, among whom were many people of Jewish nationality, exchanged views with the Israeli guests on the problem of agricultural production, and also of the development of friendly ties between the two countries, and likewise of the need of further strengthening these ties."

7,000 Attend Rally in New York Protesting Soviet Discriminations

NEW YORK, May 23. (JTA) -- Prominent political leaders and clergymen representing the Jewish, Catholic and Protestant faiths, participated here yesterday in a parade and open-air rally in the borough of Queens, protesting Soviet Government discriminations against Jewry in the USSR, and calling for an end to such bias. About 7,000 persons attended the rally.

The event, organized by the newly-formed Queens Council for Soviet Jewry, started with a parade stretching two miles down Queens Boulevard, and culminated with the rally at the Forest Hills Stadium. Among the principal speakers were U.S. Sen. Jacob K. Javits; Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr.; the Rev. Thurston Davis, editor of the Jesuit weekly, America; Rabbi Israel Miller, president of the American Conference on Soviet Jewry; and Rabbi Edward T. Sandrow, president of the New York Board of Rabbis. A message joining the protest was sent to the rally by Sen. Robert F. Kennedy. The kindling of the Soviet Jewry Eternal Light by a representative of the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry marked the concluding ceremony of the rally.

CATHOLIC AND PROTESTANT RELIGIOUS LEADERS DISCUSS ANTI-JEWISH BIAS

NEW YORK, May 23. (JTA) -- "Catholic anti-Semites" were charged here today by a Catholic priest with often using the Crucifixion "as a cover-up" to justify bias which derives from the "false ideals and prejudices of the local community."

The charge was voiced by Father John B. Sheerin, editor of the Catholic World, the oldest national magazine of Catholic opinion in this country. He made the statement before some 200 Catholic and Protestant religious leaders at a special two-day conference convened to discuss the link between Christian teachings and anti-Jewish prejudice.

The conference was sponsored by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and based on "Christian Beliefs and Anti-Semitism," the first report of a five-year research project on patterns of American prejudice conducted by the University of California Research Center under an ADL grant. The report was written by Dr. Charles Y. Glock, director of the research center, and Rodney Stark, a research sociologist at the University of California and assistant director of the project.

Father Sheerin took issue with the weight of significance the sociologists placed on the Crucifixion and its relation to hostility toward Jews today. Declaring that he is "not an apologist armed with irrefutable arguments to prove that Roman Catholic teaching bears no seeds of anti-Semitism," he pointed out that religion is a conservative force in society which tends to "sacralize the ideals, values and practices of society."

For this reason, he went on to say, a religious man often legitimizes the wrong values and prejudices of his community. He gave as examples Catholics who have "adjusted to anti-Semitism" at the golf club, the hotel, and the executive levels of big business. "And disordered and guilty minds have fixed upon the Crucifixion to manipulate it to their purpose," Father Sheerin added. Anti-Semitism, Father Sheerin stressed, "comes not from the Prince of Peace but from the Prince of Darkness."

Protestant View on Anti-Semitism Given by Noted Educator

Dr. Theodore A. Gill, president of San Francisco Theological Seminary in giving the "Protestant View" said the findings of the ADL study left him "appalled as a human being, embarrassed as a Christian, and flabbergasted as an educator." He declared that it is important for churchmen to "rescue the label of orthodoxy from those on whom it has settled." True orthodoxy, he asserted, cannot lead to anti-Semitism because "real Christian orthodoxy is more Jewish the truer it is." Therefore, he went on to say "anti-Semitism is a dead giveaway that what is passing for orthodoxy is not at all."

Dr. Gill said the task was not to break the link connecting the modern Jew with the "guilt" of ancient ones in the Crucifixion but to recognize other stronger links between the ancient peoples and ourselves. "What we have to do," he declared, "is to get the Crucifixion story straight -- what it really is and says. We cannot take for granted, as we have been doing, that it is clearly understood." He emphasized that "strenuous right teaching" can purge the church of anti-Semitism.

ADL Leader Outlines Proposals to Rectify Anti-Jewish Beliefs

At another session of the meeting today, Dore Scharf, national chairman of the Anti-Defamation League, commended the "strong reservoir of good will" between Christians and Jews. He pointed out, however, that there is at the same time "a lack of sensitivity and knowledge about anti-Semitism in contemporary times and in previous history." He gave the following as "major areas of concern" which can serve to rectify anti-Jewish beliefs:

- 1) A clear and more widespread recognition of the Jewish roots of the Christian Church.
- 2) A more profound understanding of the Crucifixion so that it cannot be used as a pretext for scapegoating an entire people.
- 3) Better understanding of the 2,000 years of post-Biblical Jewish history.
- 4) Inculcation in each person of a deep and abiding respect for each man's right to seek God in his own way.
- 5) Strong commitment against anti-Semitism and recognition of the fact that the polite anti-Semite, the vandal and the economic discriminator lay the groundwork and pave the way for more tragic events.

NEW MASS GRAVE OF JEWS KILLED BY NAZIS DISCOVERED IN POLISH CITY

LONDON, May 23. (JTA) -- A new mass grave of Jewish martyrs has been discovered in Czenstochow, Poland, it was reported here today from that Polish city. A mass funeral is being planned to reinter the remains of the Jews killed by the Nazis and to designate their place of rest as a permanent memorial.

BRAZIL AND ISRAEL SIGN PACT ON COOPERATION IN NUCLEAR RESEARCH

RIO DE JANEIRO, May 23. (JTA) -- Israel and Brazil signed here today an agreement for cooperation in the field of nuclear research for peaceful purposes. Ambassador Joseph Nahmias signed the pact for Israel, while Gen. Juraci Magalhaes, Brazil's Foreign Minister, signed for Brazil. The agreement provides for the mutual exchange of information, scientists and technicians in the field of the use of atomic energy for peace.

At the ceremonies attendant upon the signing of the pact, Gen. Juraci Magalhaes said: "The friendliest relations have existed for years between Brazil and Israel. We are already indebted to Israel for its fruitful cooperation. Since 1962, Israel has been aiding us in the development of the northeastern provinces, helping us through Israel's technical assistance and know-how."

BRAZIL PREPARES FOR ARRIVAL OF ISRAELI PRESIDENT ON STATE VISIT

RIO DE JANEIRO, May 23. (JTA) -- A bill calling upon the Brazilian Government to grant honorary citizenship to Israel's President Zalman Shazar was introduced today in the Chamber of Deputies, at Brasilia. President Shazar is scheduled to pay a state visit to Brazil, as the official guest of President Castello Branco, from July 18 to July 24. The bill in the Federal legislature was introduced by Deputy Cunha Bueno.

Advance arrangements for Mr. Shazar's visit were launched here yesterday by Col. Arie Raz, military attache to the Israeli chief of state, who came here for that purpose. Col. Raz said that President Shazar will be accompanied by a party of seven persons. The Israeli army officer said he will go also to Buenos Aires, Montevideo and Santiago de Chile to arrange for President Shazar's visits to Argentina, Uruguay and Chile, all of which will be on his South American itinerary.

Five Arab ambassadors were criticized by the leading newspapers here today for conducting a news conference when their spokesman attacked the Israeli Embassy in Rio de Janeiro for allegedly "hoodwinking" public opinion in this country by charging the Arab states with aggressions against Israel. The conference was conducted by Mansur Shalita, local representative of the Arab League, although the Brazilian Foreign Ministry had advised the diplomats against attacking Israel in this country. The conference was an obvious effort to build up anti-Israeli feelings here, prior to President Shazar's scheduled visit.

PRESIDENT OF PERU HAILS ISRAEL'S AGRICULTURAL AID TO HIS COUNTRY

LIMA, May 23. (JTA) -- President Fernando Belaunde Terry yesterday hailed Israel's agricultural aid program in Peru in which Israeli irrigation experts have been helping to solve some of the country's water problems. President Belaunde lauded the Israeli role in Peru's farm development at ceremonies marking the conclusion of Agriculture Week here in which Israel's Agriculture Minister Haim Gvati took part.

Mr. Gvati who has been on an official visit to this country for the past week, later met with Peru's Minister of Public Works in connection with the Peruvian program of new road construction.

FELT, PRESIDENT OF N. Y. FEDERATION OF JEWISH PHILANTHROPIES, HONORED

NEW YORK, May 23. (JTA) -- Irving Mitchell Felt, president of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York, was honored here tonight at Hotel Plaza, for his three years of presidency of the organization. More than 500 guests attended the dinner at which Senator Jacob K. Javits and Mayor John V. Lindsay were the principal speakers.

Mr. Felt's term as president of the Federation will officially end on Monday, June 20. Mr. Felt has had a long career of communal and civic activities which includes service as a chairman of the Greater New York Fund, as a president of the Jewish Child Care Association, as a trustee of the Montefiore Hospital and Medical Center. He has been a director and former vice-president of the Navy League of the U.S.

NEW CHIEF RABBI OF BUENOS AIRES HONORED; SERVED IN PRE-WAR POLAND

BUENOS AIRES, May 23. (JTA) -- The spiritual and religious life in Latin America was discussed here today at a reception given by the South American section of the World Jewish Congress in honor of Dr. David Kahane, the recently appointed Chief Rabbi of the Buenos Aires Kehilla.

Speakers at the reception included Dr. Moises Goldman, chairman of the WJC South American executive, and Mark Turkow, secretary. Replying to the greetings, Rabbi Kahane recalled his close ties with the World Jewish Congress when he served as rabbi in Poland before the Nazi holocaust.

IVAN MUELLER ELECTED PRESIDENT OF STOCKHOLM JEWISH COMMUNITY

STOCKHOLM, May 23. (JTA) -- Ivan Mueller was elected today as president of the Stockholm Jewish Community. He succeeds Gunnar Josephson.