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### ESHKOL WARNS SYRIA; INDICATES STAND ON SYRIA'S CLOSE TIES WITH RUSSIA

JERUSALEM, July 18. (JTA) -- Premier Levi Eshkol, reporting to the Cabinet last night on the air raid reprisal last Thursday against Syria, stressed that Israel does not interfere with the internal regimes of Arab countries or their relations with any other powers. The statement was seen as seeking to assure the Soviet Union that Israel had no intention of interfering with the Soviet's close ties with the leftist regime in Syria.

The Premier also addressed a warning to Syria, declaring the Syrians should not consider their country immune because of its topographical advantages. Despite those advantages, the Premier said, Israel could always find means to reply to Syrian attacks. He added that an air strike was only one of a number of possible responses.

He also said the Israel Government had hoped that the new Syrian regime would keep its pledge, given in June to Gen. Odd Bull, Chief of Staff of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization, to refrain from opening fire on Israeli targets under any circumstances. He added that after the series of terrorist incursions from Syria into Israeli territory last week, deterrent action by Israel became imperative. However, he pointed out, Israel's Chief of Staff had been instructed to keep casualties to a minimum.

He also told the Cabinet that Israel's air move was aimed at Syria's "provocative" diversion project designed to rob Israel of its waters by diverting the Jordan River headwaters. The Israeli planes bombed and strafed seven to eight bulldozers working on the project at the tributary.

(At the United Nations, the Syrian delegation submitted today a complaint to the U.N. Security Council in connection with the air raid by Israel last week. However, the Syrians did not ask for any action by the Security Council on the matter. In its communication, the Syrian delegation emphasized that Syria does not consider itself responsible for the sabotage activities against Israel by Arab infiltrators.)

### SHAZAR ARRIVES ON STATE VISIT TO BRAZIL; MET BY PRESIDENT AT AIRPORT

BRASILIA, July 18. (JTA) -- President Zalman Shazar of Israel was greeted by Brazilian President Castelo Branco, Vice-President Jose Alkmin, Cabinet members and military leaders when he arrived here today for a 10-day state visit on his tour of South American countries.

Also present at the airport to greet the Israeli President were diplomats, Congressmen, representatives of Brazil's Jewish community and Archbishop Dom Jose Newton of Brasilia. After a performance of the national anthems of Brazil and Israel, Mr. Shazar was given a 21-gun salute. He reviewed an honorary guard of the Brazilian Navy, Army and Air Force.

Exceptional security measures were taken by his hosts. Troops were placed along the ten-mile route from the airport to the city. No civilians were admitted to the airport. The 40 Jewish families living in Brasilia welcomed Mr. Shazar after he arrived at the Hotel Nacional which flew the Presidential Flag.

Many main street shops, offices and institutions in Brasilia, Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo were displaying posters with the President's portrait, which had been issued by the Brazilian foreign ministry. The Lubavicher school in Sao Paulo also distributed large welcome placards bearing President Shazar's picture. A caravan of 30 official and 40 private cars escorted Mr. Shazar to the hotel. During the ride, the two Presidents discussed the meaning of the Holy Scriptures, particularly the psalms.

In honor of Mr. Shazar's visit, the Brazilian Post Office put out a special issue of a commemorative postage stamp bearing the likeness of the Israeli President. Three million copies of the special stamp are expected to be distributed to the public. Many of the leading newspapers and magazines in Brazil published special editions devoted in whole or part to Mr. Shazar's visit and to the State of Israel.

ISRAEL MINISTER PRESENTS THREE-YEAR AUSTERITY PROGRAM TO CABINET

JERUSALEM, July 18. (JTA) -- A second special session of the Israeli Cabinet has been scheduled to study the three-year austerity program for Israel proposed by Finance Minister Pinhas Sapiro to set the country's economy on an even keel and eliminate its \$500,000,000 a year unfavorable trade balance.

The Cabinet considered the Sapiro plan at its regular meeting yesterday and again, in special session, last night. Representatives of the Mapam Party were said to be hostile to several of the measures proposed by the finance minister and representatives of Achdut Avodah, another member of the coalition which is closely aligned with the Mapai Party in an alignment, were said to be hesitant. Indications were that adoption of the program would only follow protracted and difficult negotiations.

The Sapiro program, as outlined to the Cabinet, seeks stabilization of the country's economy over the next three years chiefly by improving the efficiency of industry and by curbing the inflationary spiral by binding wages to productivity. Mr. Sapiro reportedly warned the Cabinet that unless the Government took a firm position towards both industry and labor and fully implemented all phases of his plan, Israel's economic situation would continue to deteriorate and unemployment would grow. Mr. Sapiro's program, as presented to the Cabinet in the two sessions yesterday, was based on the following key points:

1. No wage increases over the next three years unless tied to increased productivity.
2. Payment of the cost-of-living allowance to be fixed only once a year over the next three years instead of every six months, as in the past.
3. Stricter legislation to prevent strikes such as those which recently tied up the Ashdod and Haifa ports and seriously interfered with Israel's exports.
4. Encouragement of industry to increase its productivity and penalization of industry for failing to increase its efficiency and its output.

Today, the Haaretz, a newspaper which represents centrist views, and the English-language Jerusalem Post editorially supported Mr. Sapiro's program as the route to a viable Israeli economy. At the same time, Al Ha'Mishmar, organ of the Mapam Party, attacked the finance minister, accusing him of sacrificing the interests of the workers without demanding equivalent sacrifices from industry and big business.

HISTADRUT ORDERS 650,000 WORKERS TO WAIVE COST-OF-LIVING CLAIMS

JERUSALEM, July 18. (JTA) -- The central committee of the Histadrut, Israel's labor federation, approved yesterday by a vote of 68 to 56 renunciation of a cost-of-living payment due July 1. The vote was in support of a decision by the Mapai-Achdut Avodah alignment in Israel's coalition Government to forego the payment and provide increased welfare benefits instead.

The average for the cost-of-living index rose by seven percent during the first six months of 1966. Normally, such a rise, totaling more than three percent, would result in an increase in salaries of 700 pounds (\$233) per month or less, retroactive to July 1. About 650,000 employees will have to waive their increases in cost-of-living due to them under escalator clauses in wage agreements.

The Histadrut decision followed appeals by Finance Minister Pinhas Sapiro, Labor Minister Yigal Allon and other Cabinet Ministers who asserted that cost-of-living allowance payments would undercut the Government's program for economic independence.

Only the Mapai and Achdut Avodah representatives on the central committee voted to renounce the payment. It was opposed by former Premier David Ben-Gurion's dissident Israel Workers Party (Rafi), the Arab Communists, the Jewish Communists, and Mapam. The Liberals abstained. Mapam's vote could provoke a slight coalition unease, it was indicated. Premier Levi Eshkol will confer this week with Mapam leaders to straighten out differences and agree on a common policy.

EMPLOYEES OF JERUSALEM RELIGIOUS COUNCIL GO ON STRIKE FOR WAGES

JERUSALEM, July 18. (JTA) -- Ninety employees of the Jerusalem Religious Council started a strike yesterday to protest non-payment of their June salaries and arrears in payment of retroactive pay differentials.

A spokesman for the employees said they would remain off the job until they received their full salaries and 75 percent of their backpay.

ULTRA ORTHODOX JEWS IN ISRAEL LAUNCH CAMPAIGN AGAINST POSTMORTEMS

TEL AVIV, July 18. (JTA) -- The ultra-Orthodox Agudat Israel launched a special campaign yesterday against postmortems in Israeli hospitals. In special prayers in numerous synagogues, the rabbis called on all observant Jews to oppose "this desecration."

GERMAN TRADE UNION APPEAL TO ALL GERMANS TO PROTECT JEWISH PROPERTY

BONN, July 18. (JTA) -- The executive of the German Trade Unions strongly condemned today recent acts of anti-Semitism in West Germany, particularly the massive desecration of the Jewish cemetery in Mannheim earlier last week.

The executive said it had appealed to all Germans to protect Jewish property. Meanwhile, police reported that swastikas and the slogan, "Long Live Hitler" were found on the walls of a church in Seigen.

ISRAELI PHYSICIANS BAN GERMAN AS OFFICIAL LANGUAGE AT CONFERENCES

TEL AVIV, July 18. (JTA) -- The central committee of the Israel Medical Association decided unanimously today to boycott any international conference in Israel at which German was an official language. The central committee pointed out that the ban did not extend to the use of German by delegates or guests at such conferences but only to "recognition of German as an official language at such conferences."

The Medical Association returned tickets sent to it for the recent International Dental Federation meeting for that reason. The committee said the ban also would apply to a medical insurance conference scheduled for Israel next March.

ANTI-NAZI CONVENTION IN ISRAEL DEMANDS CEASING TIES WITH BONN

TEL AVIV, July 18. (JTA) -- An appeal by a speaker for Israel contacts with "democratic, pacifist and progressive elements" in West Germany touched off an uproar last night at a convention of anti-Nazi organizations here. The proposal was made by Prof. Muszkat, chairman of the Israel Ex-Servicemen's League, who told the convention also that "to struggle against the whole Germany and all Germans is tantamount to racialism."

The convention closed with adoption of a declaration by all the participating groups called for the removal of Dr. Rolf Pauls, West Germany's first Ambassador to Israel, and West German Embassy counsellor Alexander Toeroeck, and for an end to all relations whatever with West Germany. The other anti-Nazi groups were the Partisans and Ghetto Fighters, the Disabled Veterans of the War Against the Nazis, and the Anti-Nazi Fighters.

ANTI-SEMITISM WAS NO FACTOR IN CHICAGO LOOTING OF JEWISH STORES

CHICAGO, July 18. (JTA) -- Jewish shopkeepers suffered the most serious damages in the Negro rioting last weekend on Chicago's west side which is now largely a Negro area where most of the stores in the once completely Jewish area are Jewish-owned.

As peace was restored by the Illinois National Guard, estimates of damages to stores in the area were given today as more than \$1,000,000. Officials stressed that there had been no indications that any of the looting was inspired by anti-Semitic attitudes among the looters. They said there was no evidence -- as there was in Negro riots in other cities last year -- of specific anti-Semitic acts and catcalls by the rioters.

JEWISH CONGRESS RECEIVES SECOND \$100,000 GRANT FROM FORD FOUNDATION

NEW YORK, July 18. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Congress has received its second \$100,000 grant from the Ford Foundation for the Interracial Council For Business Opportunity, it was announced today. The ICBO was formed in 1963 and is co-sponsored by the American Jewish Congress and the Urban League of Greater New York. It was established to provide business advice and assistance to Negro businessmen and to help them apply for financial assistance when needed.

Negroes who wish to start their own business are encouraged and guided by the over 200 New York City businessmen, both white and Negro, who participate in the Council's work on a voluntary basis as consultants. Fourteen banks are also participating in the program.

Offices of the ICBO have been established in New York City, Los Angeles, Newark and Washington.

N.A.A.C.P. EXPRESSES APPRECIATION TO B'NAI B'RITH FOR AID GIVEN

WASHINGTON, July 18. (JTA) -- The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has awarded the B'nai B'rith Vocational Service a certificate of appreciation for helping the NAACP to develop guidelines on educational and career counseling.

The NAACP noted B'nai B'rith participation in the NAACP's last three annual meetings at which Dr. S. Norman Feingold, the BBVS director, worked with adult advisors and youth groups to determine the educational and vocational needs of Negro youngsters and how counseling could best help them.

ONLY 53 PERCENT OF JEWISH CHILDREN IN U.S. ATTEND SOME JEWISH SCHOOL

JERUSALEM, July 18. (JTA) -- Dr. William Chomsky, faculty chairman of the Gratz College of Philadelphia, asserted here today that only 53 percent of American Jewish children attend some Jewish school and that more than half of them attend only Sunday school.

Speaking at the 40th anniversary convention of the National Council for Jewish Education of the United States, which is attended by 168 American Jewish educators, Dr. Chomsky added that in spite of the low percentage, the number of young people attending Jewish high schools and Jewish teachers institutes or studying Judaica and Hebrew was increasing in the United States. He said this was "a sign that in the hearts of American Jews there still whispers the ember of Jewish consciousness."

The American Jewish educator also asserted that American Jewry was paying only "lip service" to Jewish education. "Amid all their fine talk about the value of Jewish education," he charged, "the Jewish federations continue to support it stingily to the extent of only 10 percent of their total expenditure."

The convention which opened this weekend is scheduled to last two weeks. Its theme is "50 Years of Jewish Education in the United States -- Retrospect and Prospect."

FOUNDATION FOR JEWISH CULTURE ANNOUNCES GRANTS FOR ACADEMIC YEAR

NEW YORK, July 18. (JTA) -- Grants by the National Foundation for Jewish Culture for the academic year 1966-1967 were announced today by Label A. Katz, president, following action of the Foundation's Board of Directors.

Eleven fellowships were awarded to students who are completing their doctoral work in the fields of Jewish History, Semitics, Philosophy, Hebrew Literature and Culture, and Sociology. Universities at which these scholars are studying include: Brandeis, Brown, Columbia, Johns Hopkins, New York University, Pennsylvania, Washington and Wisconsin.

Among the grants-in-aid awarded by the Foundation for the coming year is one to Professor Irving Halperin of San Francisco State College for the preparation of a book on the Literature of the Holocaust; and to Dr. Seymour Lainoff for the completion of the American Jewish Novel.

Other awards made on the recommendation of the Grants Committee under the Chairmanship of Edwin Wolf, 2nd, are to the Cleveland College of Jewish Studies in behalf of the Index to Jewish Periodicals; to Harvard-Radcliffe Hillel for the publication of the Jewish journal "Mosaic;" to Vassar College to assist in its course on Contemporary Jewish Thought; and to the Conference of Jewish Philosophy.

Mr. Katz pointed out the awarding of grants is one of the significant functions of the Foundation whereby students are encouraged to prepare themselves for careers in various fields of Jewish scholarship. Almost \$250,000 in grants have been made by the Foundation in five years. Many of the recipients are now engaged as teachers in Judaica at universities, as writers, archivists, librarians, researchers, lecturers, and other personnel devoted to creative Jewish cultural activity.

The National Foundation for Jewish Culture was formed in 1960 upon the recommendation of a national study on Jewish culture sponsored by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds. In addition to its grants program, the Foundation provides consultation service to national Jewish cultural agencies, colleges and universities and to Jewish communities, and seeks to enrich and strengthen the total field of American Jewish culture.

YEVTUSHENKO THANKS ISRAELI FOR TRANSLATING HIS POEMS INTO HEBREW

JERUSALEM, July 18. (JTA) -- Shlomo Shoshan, the Israeli translator into Hebrew of the works of Soviet poet Yevgeny Yevtushenko, said today he had received a letter from the poet, thanking Shoshan for his translations. The letter, addressed to "Dear Shlomo," expresses appreciation for the Hebrew translations.

DETROIT YOUTH ELECTED PRESIDENT OF B'NAI B'RITH YOUNG ADULTS

STARLIGHT, Pa., July 18. (JTA) -- Mark S. Lavetter, 22, of Detroit, was elected international president of the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization at the 21st Annual BBYA International Convention held at Camp B'nai B'rith here. He served last year as international program vice president. BBYC is the world's largest Jewish youth organization.

ANNIVERSARY OF JABOTINSKY'S DEATH OBSERVED IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, July 18. (JTA) -- A special ceremony was held last night at the tomb of Vladimir Jabotinsky on the 26th anniversary of the Revisionist Zionist leader's death.

An honor guard of Betar, youth branch of the Revisionist movement, lined the path to the tomb. Jabotinsky's flag was unfurled and leaders of the Herut party laid wreaths. Later a plaque was unveiled at the house where the Revisionist leader lived and where he was arrested in 1920 after he organized Jerusalem's defenses against Arab rioters.