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#### SECURITY COUNCIL STALLS ON ANTI-SYRIAN DRAFT; 18th SESSION TODAY

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Oct. 30. (JTA) -- The United Nations Security Council was scheduled today to hold its 18th session tomorrow on Israel's complaint against Syria, charging the Damascus Government with responsibility for the El Fatah terroist raids into Israel. Two stormy meetings were held Friday, after the United States and Britain introduced a resolution which would have linked Syria directly with the sabotage and murder expeditions into Israel, and would have requested Syria to prevent further raids of the kind. But after filibustering by the Soviet-Arab bloc, aided by some of the African members of the Council, the session was postponed until tomorrow afternoon.

Ambassador Michael S. Comay, Israel's permanent representative here, pointed out that, even while the subject of Syrian-encouraged terrorism was under discussion, more depredations were committed inside Israel. Fe called attention to an incident that occurred last Thursday night, when a freight train on its way from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv had run over a mine, causing the derailment of several cars and the injury of one Israeli. He noted that, only an hour and a half earlier, a passenger train had run over the same tracks, and pointed out that the mine, if exploded earlier, might have caused hundreds of deaths. (Israel announced this weekend that, due to the planting of mines along the railroad tracks, it has suspended all train service on the entire run from Jerusalem to Haifa).

The immediate objective of the filibustering during both sessions on Friday was double. The anti-Israeli group of the 15 Council members wanted to keep the Anglo-American resolution from being debated, and they wanted to stop Mr. Comay from addressing the Council again. Failing in their effort to muzzle Mr. Comay, they succeeded, however, in postponing all action on the resolution itself.

#### Eban Deplores U.N. Council's 'Weakness' on Anglo-American Draft

JERUSALEM, Oct. 30, (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Abba Eban reported to the Cabinet here today on what he described as the "weakness" of the United Nations Security Council in being unable to pass even a moderate Anglo-American resolution, calling on Syria to respect her commitments under the United Nations Charter and the Armistice Agreements. Ee noted in his assessment of the situation that the terrorist groups continued to carry on acts of sabotage even while the Security Council was debating the issue.

The Foreign Minister stressed that Israel was continuing to strive toward a strongly worded resolution even it it were to be vetoed by the Soviet Union. This, he said, would give Israel a stronger political and moral position than a watered-down resolution that had unanimous backing.

Prime Minister Levi Eshkol reported to the Cabinet on the latest terrorist sabotage incidents, including the blowing up of an Israeli rail line between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, last Thursday night. He noted that, while Arab radio reports attributed the incidents to various anti-Israel groups, they were all guided by the Syrian Government.

## 10th Anniversary of Sinai Campaign Recalls Current Syrian Actions

The Israel-Syrian border situation was also the subject of a number of speeches by various Cabinet members this weekend, marking the 10th anniversary of the linia Campaign. Addressing a meeting of the Tel Aviv Press Club, Mr. Eban said that, in taking the current case to the United Nations, Israel brought to the attention of world opinion the basic fact that the guerrilla warfare originated in Syria and wasswaged in Israel, Israel, he said, does not intend to, and indeed cannot, resign itself to this situation. He also criticized the moral weakness of some United Nations members who endeavor to prevent the Council from asking Syria to honor its international obligations.

Transport Minister Moshe Carmel, speaking in Eilat, said that the dynamiting of an Israeli train while the Security Council was in session destroyed the last illusions about Syria, and showed that Israel will be forced to guarantee its security and the peace of its citizens by its own strength.

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TEL AVIV, Oct. 30. (JTA) - A water pipeline between Arad and Massada, in the Negev, was sabotaged last night, the Army spokesman announced here today. Footprints of three persons led toward the nearby Jordanian border.

#### SCHOLARS REPORT MASSIVE DECREASE OF OVERT ANTI-SEMITISM IN U.S.A.

CLEVELAND, Oct. 30. (JTA) -- A number of the nation's leading social scientists were disclosed today to have agreed that there has been a massive reduction of overt anti-Semitism in the United States since the end of World War II. However, they disagreed over whether widespread hostility against Jews is likely to recur in this country.

These conclusions are reported in a book-length study, "Jews in the Mind of America," made public here at the concluding session of a three-day meeting held by the national executive board of the American Jewish Committee. Published jointly by Basic Books and the Committee's Institute of Human Relations Press, the book includes a preface by Dr. John Slawson, the organization's executive vice-president, who presented the study to the board.

Some of the scholars held that anti-Semitism, like other group hatreds, is virtually a closed chapter in the United States and will not happen again. Others argued that, despite the recent improvement, the attitude of the non-Jewish majority will continue to alternate between acceptance and rejection of Jews because a considerable amount of latent anti-Semitism remains among the American people.

The first of the study's two sections, prepared by Charles H. Stember, professor of sociology at Rutgers University, with contributions by Prof. Benjamin B. Ringer of Hunter College, traced the trend of attitudes toward Jews and Judaism from 1937 to 1963, as reflected in nationwide public opinion polls sponsored by the AJCommittee and other groups. The Committee said it was the largest and most varied body of information ever assembled on the topic.

One of the main findings is that overt anti-Semitism has declined sharply since a peak in about 1944. Both hostile stereotypes and unwillingness to associate with Jews have shown a marked decline. Jews 're increasingly seen as individuals rather than as a special kind of people with fixed qualities. Another conclusion is that more Americans view Jews as members of a religious group than they did a generation ago, and fewer hold the mistaken idea that Jews are a race.

#### Latent Prejudice Seen Remaining; Crisis Could Reactivate Bias

Another finding is that some degree of latent and ingrained prejudice remains and could be activated by a major upheaval or crisis in American society. The study noted, however, that such postwar developments as the establishment of Israel, the Korean War, the atomic spy trials, the Sinai campaign and the intensification of the civil rights movement have failed to do this,

The second part is comprised of analytical essays on Prof. Stember's findings by historians, sociologists and social psychologists. Prof. John Higham of the University of Michigan asserted that anti-Semitism was a passing phase in the acculturation of Jewish immigrants, a development analogous to the acculturation problems suffered by other alien newcomers. Prof. Morton Keller of Brandeis University expressed general sgreement saying that the decline of anti-Semitism was "part of a general triumph of the principles and practices of cultural pluralism."

Prof. Robin Williams Jr. of Cornell University cited a growing resemblance between Jews and other Americans and commented that when people are asked to describe Americans, "they often use the same adjectives as for the stereotype Jew: ambitious, active, industrious, aggressive, and so on." He added that if one considered the historic stereotype of the Yankee and the Jew, and removed "the labels," it is hard to know which is being talked about." Among scholars who took a less optimistic view were Professors Thomas F. O'Dea of Columbia University, Dennis H. Wrong of New York University and Robert Gutman of Rutgers University.

# Brandeis Professor Pessimistic; Sees Christian Ambivalence Towards Jews

The most pessimistic view was expressed by Prof. Ben Halpern, of Brandeis University, who contended that, in the final analysis, the United States was no different from other countries in attitudes toward Jews, and that American anti-Semitism was one example of the perennial ambivalence of Christians toward Jews -- the uneasy balance of tolerance and rejection which, he declared, Christians have maintained, which has usually fallen short of acceptance on the one hand and genocide on the other. He asserted that acceptance of Judaism as an "American faith," when voiced by Christians, frequently implies "a degree of confidence that Judaism is progressing toward submergence."

Prof. Thomas R. Fettigrew, of Harvard University, compared prejudice against Negrees and Jews and said both categories of bias had declined steadily from a peak near the end of World War II.

The growing willingness of Americans to associate with American Jews was documented in data reported by Frof. Stember. He cited the widespread disapproval of restrictive quotas on admission of Jewish applicants to colleges, which were widely ap-

proved in the 1940's; the steadily increasing number of respondents expressing willingness of their children to associate with Jewish children and the virtual unanimity of public readiness from the late 1940's on, to work in association with Jews.

By the early 1960's, "an overwhelming majority of Americans appeared ready to accept individual Jews as next-door neighbors. Another finding was that among non-Jews, sentiment against intermarriage waned between 1950 and 1962 and "acceptance of Jews as marriage partners increased at about the same rate as did acceptance of Jewish employes, fellow students and neighbors." The data also showed that the decline of ant-Semitism seems to have been somewhat greater among women, younger people, city dwellers, Easterners, Catholics and persons of high income than among their opposite numbers.

#### Abram Hits 'Backlash'; Slawson, Ellenoff Report on Cities, New York Banks

Other major developments in the proceedings before the executive board's annual meeting included:

An address by Morris B. Abram, president of the Committee, who called on Americans in the North to resist the "white backlash." He declared that "the proportion of Jews who are backlashing is much smaller than that of Catholics and Protestants," stating that the reason for this fact lies in "Jewish predisposition toward civil rights."

An announcement by Dr. Slawson that "increasing concern of American Jews about the problem of the cities" has been reflected by the Committee's establishment of a department of education and urban planning, headed by Irving M. Levine. For the past two years, Mr. Levine has been the AJC's director of community relations for the New York area.

A report by Theodore Ellenoff, vice-president of the New York chapter and chairman of its civil rights committee, showing top managements of New York Cityis 50 mutual savings banks have increased the number of their Jewish trustees by one-third; since the AJC had revealed a year ago that those banks were engaging in "de fact o discrimination against Jews. Eight new Jewish trustees, he reported, had been added to the 22 serving a year ago. However, he noted, "the 1965 figure of less than 2,5 percent of Jewish executives among the 400 working for the city's mutual savings banks remain the same as last year."

#### LELYVELD WARNS THAT WAR NERVES, BACKLASH, MAY LEAD TO McCARTHYISM

NEW YORK, Oct. 30, (JTA) -- Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld, president of the American Jewish Congress, warned tonight that the United States faced the prospect of another bout with McCarthylsm as a result of war nerves and white backlash. In his speech, before the Stephen S. Wise Awards dinner here, he warned of "strains" resulting from America's involvement in Viet Nam and "hostile reactions" to Negro demands for integrations.

Rabbi Lelyveld spoke in presenting the 1966 Stephen S. Wise award to U.S. Supreme Court Justice Abe Fortas. Another Stephen S. Wise medallion was presented to Frank Abrams of New York, "for strengthening Jewish life." Mr. Abrams is national treasurer of the Congress.

#### AMERICAN FEDERATION CF JEWS FROM CENTRAL EUROPE MARKS ANNIVERSARY

NEW YORK, Oct. 30. (JTA) -- The American Federation of Jews from Central Europe celebrated its 25th anniversary here today at a gathering addressed by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress, and Dr. Joachim Prinz, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

Comprising some 40 affiliated organizations of immigrants from Central Europe, the Federation has represented the rights and interests of survivors of the Nazi holocaust coming from Central Europe, Under the Federation's sponsorship, a network of mutual aid societies and social welfare agencies was organized and, in close cooperation with the general community, set on a path of integration into the social, cultural and economic life in this country.

#### B'NAI B'RITH ADOPTS \$8,000,000 ISRAEL BOND QUOTA; SOLD \$4,672,875

WASHINGTON, Oct. 30. (JTA) - The B'nai B'rith Commission on Israel today adopted a quota of \$8,000,000 for the sale of Israel bonds in 1967. Sales of Israel bonds during the current year totaled \$4,672,875. The meeting of the Commission was addressed by Israeli Ambassador Avraham Harman.

#### TWO RESIDENTS OF SCUTH AFRICAN HOME FOR JEWISH AGED FOUND MURDERED

CAPE TOWN, South Africa, Oct. 30. (JTA) -- Two residents of the Jewish Aged Home here, Mrs. Anne Jacques, 72, and Mrs. Elda Zabow, 64, were found murdered in the room they shared, with their throats cut. Police have yet to come up with a motive for the heinous crime, it was reported today. There was no sign of robbery. The Jewish Aged Home is now under police guard.

Mrs. Jacques was a retired teacher from the Herzila Jewish Day School in Cape Town. She lived at the home for a year. Mrs. Zabow lived in the home for several years.

# RECONSTRUCTIONIST LEADER REJECTS 'DEATH OF GOD' NOTION FOR JEWS

NEW YORK, Oct. 30, (JTA) -- Rabbi Ira Eisenstein, president of the Jewish Reconstructionist Foundation, criticized tonight recent statements advocating Jewish equivalents of a "Death of God" theology in which the existence of a living God is dispensed with, Speaking at a Foundation dinner honoring his 60th birthday, Rabbi Eisenstein scored particularly remarks at a conference on radical theology by Rabbi Richard L. Rubenstein, of the University of Pittsburgh, in which the latter declared that "after Auschwitz I find I must reject a transcendent God entirely."

When the "Death of God" theologians say that "our concern is not with the next world but totally with this one, "Rabbi Eisenstein declared, "they are properly rejecting the other-worldiness which, for generations, distracted men from attempting to improve this world and to abolish poverty, inequality and war. But this requires not paganism which was entirely dependent upon appeasing the gods, but dedication and faith in the potentialities of the human spirit."

Some 500 persons attended the dinner, which was also addressed by Rabbi Mordecai Kaplan, founder of the Reconstructionist movement; Norman Podhoretz, editor of Commentary magazine; and Rabbi Emanuel S. Goldemith, executive vice-president of the Foundation. Abraham Goodman, New York industrialist and Jewish leader, was chairman of the event.

#### 7,500 IN BRONX PROTEST ON SOVIET DISCRIMINATIONS AGAINST JEWS

NEW YORK, Oct. 30. (JTA) -- About 7,500 Bronx Jews today marched for several blocks along the Grand Concurse, the borough's main thoroughfare, then held a rally on the steps of the Bronx County Court House, to demand equal rights for Soviet Jews as granted them under the Soviet constitution. It was the first time that the Jews of the Bronx rallied in a single borough protest for Soviet Jewry.

Protesting Soviet anti-Semitism, the rally heard U.S. Sen. Jacob Javits and other dignitaries decry Russian treatment of Jews. Borough President Herman Badillo proclaimed today as "Bronx Soviet Jewry Day." Rabbi Herschel Schacter, of the Bronx Mosholu Jewish Center, was chairman. He has assumed chairmanship of the newly-formed Bronx Council to Aid Soviet Jewry. Rabbi Israel Miller, of Kingsbridge Heights Jewish Center, the Bronx rabbi who heads the American Jewish Conference on Soviet Jewry, addressed the rally.

#### UJA AND UIA CLARIFY REPORTS OF KEREN HAYESOD INCOME IN JERUSALEM

NEW YORK, Cct. 30. (JTA) -- The United Jewish Appeal and the United Israel Appeal, Inc., issued a statement here today clarifying an earlier report on the sources of income of the Keren Hayesod in Jerusalem, issued by Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the Keren Hayesod-United Israel Appeal. The UJA-UIA statement declared:

"Funds raised by the UJA in the United States are transferred to the UJA, Inc., an American corporation domiciled at 515 Park Avenue, New York. The UJA, Inc., by its American board of directors, makes allocations for work in Israel and transfers funds to its agent, the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem, to carry out its work. None of the funds of the UJA, through the UJA, Inc., is transferred to the Keren Hayesod.

"During the fiscal year April 1, 1965-March 31, 1966, the UJA transferred to the UJA, Inc., the sum of \$37, 757, 272.89. The UJA, Inc., allocated these funds for use in the fields of immigration, absorption, agricultural settlement, youth care, as well as repayment of debt to American insurance companies."

#### ISRAELI IMPORTS REPORTED RISING DESPITE EFFORTS BY ARAB BOYCOTT

NEW YORK, Oct. 30. (JTA) -- Hundreds of companies all over the United States, and a multitude throughout the world, have enhanced their reputations and business by their resistance to the Arab boycott, Nathan Straus, III, chairman of the board of American-Israel Chamber of Commerce and Industry, declared in a letter to The New York Times.

Commenting on the "relative economic importance of Israel and the Arab countries," Mr. Straus pointed out that "Israel's total imports have already reached in volume close to half the purchases of the Arab states of the Middle East combined, with Israel's proportion continually rising because of that country's expanding industrial development and local consumption,"

## HISTADRUT BODY REPORTS SENDING BOOKS VALUED AT \$250,000 TO ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Cct. 30, (JTA) -- More than \$250,000 worth of books -- the gift of American publishers -- on all facets of American life, are on their way to Israeli libraries, it was revealed in a report to the annual board of trustees meeting of the American Histadrut Cultural Exchange Institute here today. Some 20,000 books have already arrived in Israel, and are being distributed in cities, development areas and kibbutzim. Another 30,000 will be there by March. Rabbi Mordecai Waxman, of Temple Israel of Great Neck, was reelected national chairman at the meeting.