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## ISRAELI STUDENTS INTENSIFY STRIKE; SCHOOL NURSES STAGE WALKOUT

TEL AVIV, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- University students in Israel intensified their strike activities today, in protest against tuition increases. Simultaneously 200 school nurses throughout the country walked out on a 24-hour strike for higher salaries.

Seamen in Israel's merchant navy also threatened today to strike. The seamen are protesting against new income tax regulations under which they are to be charged with income taxes on the market value of monies they receive in foreign currencies. Until now, such income by seamen has been computed at the Israeli exchange rates effective in 1948.

The student strike actions were slated today for serious moves, after Prime Minister Levi Eshkol rejected the student appeal for holding back the proposed tuition increases until the issue is decided by Parliament's education committee. The student strike committee threatened today that it will order students to conduct demonstrations in Jerusalem and to engage in sit-in actions in the offices of Mr. Eshkol and the Israeli Treasury Department.

## MOSCOW SEEN ATTEMPTING TO CHECK SYRIAN ANTI-ISRAEL WAR CALLS

LONDON, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- The Soviet Union indicated to Syria yesterday that it had better tone down its calls for a "war of liberation" against Israel, and concentrate instead on constructive developments. At the same time the Kremlin attacked Jordan's King Hussein for opposing "progressive elements" in the Middle East, and again accused Western "imperialism" of responsibility for the current tensions in the Middle East. It also criticized Israel, but in a much milder form than earlier.

The Soviet view appeared in Pravda, organ of the Communist Party, and was interpreted in part as a hint that the Kremlin wants the regime in Syria, which it has supported, to go easy on its war aims. Asserting that even the West recognizes now that the Soviet policy in the Middle East aims toward lessening of tensions and securing peace in the area, Pravda said: "It is not on the battlefield, but on constructive sites, that people build their future."

Pravda reminded Syria that the USSR has been providing economic and technical aid for the construction of a proposed Syrian dam on the Euphrates River.

## Israel Protests Syria's Continued Incursions to U.N. Truce Chief

JERUSALEM, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- Israel today expressed its "concern" to Lt. Gen. Odd Bull, chief of staff of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization, over Syria's continuing incursions into Israel from the demilitarized zone between Israel and Syria.

Gen. Bull was told that Syrian farmers have recently started grazing their herds in the demilitarized zone. Two days ago, the U.N. official was informed, Syria ferried tractors across the Jordan into the zone, and began plowing in that area.

## EBAN FLYING TO U.S. TOMORROW; SAYS ARAB-ISRAEL WAR IS NOT INEVITABLE

LONDON, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- Abba Eban, Israel's Foreign Minister, who is flying to the United States on Wednesday, told the Daily Express, in an interview published today, that he did not regard war between Israel and the Arab states as "inevitable." "It is just as unlikely that there will be general peace, either," he added.

Mr. Eban was questioned specifically about Israel's recent raid on the Jordanian village for which she was last week censured by the United Nations Security Council. He replied that Israeli troops had hit the Jordanian village of Samua "harder than intended." The fighting and loss of life, he stated, "were beyond what had been expected or planned."

The plan, he said, was to blow up a few houses in the Jordanian village, which had been used as a base for Arab infiltrators, causing loss of life and property in Israel. "If the Arab Legion," he continued, "had not arrived, there would have been no loss of life. But developments during the action expanded, and had the effect of expanding the scope of the action and increasing the loss of life. This expansion led to a corresponding escalation of political reactions."

NEW GERMAN MINISTER DOES NOT FAVOR 'BUYING' ARABS BY ECONOMIC AID

BONN, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- West Germany's new Social Democratic Minister for Economic Aid to Underdeveloped Countries, Hans Wisniewsky, said here today that the Bonn Government would be able to provide aid to the Arab states only after reestablishing diplomatic relations with them.

Mr. Wisniewsky told a press conference that he did not favor "buying" the Arab states by making offers of aid before the diplomatic ties were established. He said he was opposed to any military aid to underdeveloped countries.

BONN GOVERNMENT WARNED AGAINST DANGERS OF GROWTH OF NEO-NAZISM

PARIS, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- A resolution warning the West German Government and the German people against the dangers in the growth of neo-Nazism, urging "urgent steps" to halt neo-Nazi resurgence, was adopted here today by the European executive of the World Jewish Congress. The executive voted the measure after hearing reports about German neo-Nazism as reflected in the recent Hesse and Bavarian state elections, where the National Democratic Party scored large-scale ballot successes.

The resolution called on West Germany to halt and curb all manifestations and activities of neo-Nazi elements in the Federal Republic. It declared: "What is needed is a firm determination by the German Government to act. Otherwise, tragic consequences might follow for Germany and the entire world."

(Dr. Joachim Prinz, chairman of the commission of international affairs of the American Jewish Congress, left here by air today for Bonn, where he will survey social and political conditions in West Germany in the light of the growing election successes by the neo-Nazi National Democratic Party.)

DR. GOLDMANN INVITED BY CZECH JEWISH LEADERS TO VISIT CZECHOSLOVAKIA

PARIS, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- A delegation representing organized Jewry in Czechoslovakia arrived here last night and invited Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress, to lead a WJC delegation to visit Czechoslovakia's Jews. The delegation is headed by Frantisek Fuchs, president of the Jewish Community of Bohemia and Moravia, and Benjamin Eichler, president of the Jewish Community of Slovakia.

While the WJC executive is currently in session here, the two Czechoslovakian Jewish leaders are not formal participants in that session. They met separately today with Dr. Goldmann and other WJC leaders outside the executive framework, discussing the cultural and religious ties between Czechoslovakian Jews and Jews elsewhere. Last night, the Czechoslovakian delegation leaders attended here a reception given to the WJC executive by the French section of the World Congress.

HIAS WELCOMES SOVIET FLEDGE ON REUNIFICATION OF JEWISH FAMILIES

NEW YORK, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- Gratification over the statement made by Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin that "we will do everything to enable reunification of Jewish families in the Soviet Union with members living in other countries," was expressed today by Murray L. Gurfein, president of United Hias Service. The leader of the worldwide Jewish migration agency termed the news "very encouraging."

"We hope the policy will be carried out immediately," Mr. Gurfein said. "It would enable thousands of Jewish families separated by war and its aftermath, in some cases close to 50 years, to be reunited. United Hias Service stands ready to advise relatives on immigration possibilities for members of their families presently in the USSR, which includes sub-Carpathia, Latvia and Lithuania."

SOMERFIN REACHES AGREEMENT; ISRAEL MAY NOT SUFFER ANY LOSSES

JERUSALEM, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- Final agreement was reached here today with all creditors of the debt-ridden Somerfin Company. As a result, it was expected that the Israeli Government, the ship firm's principal creditor, will probably not suffer any loss.

The shipping line recently ran into trouble with various creditors and guarantors which included not only the Israeli Government but also a Swiss consortium and the Anglo-Portuguese Bank. The trouble was believed to have stemmed from losses suffered by Somerfin in the operation of its passenger ships.

Under today's agreement, the line's tanker, the Aurora, will continue operating, and its earnings will be applied for debt settlements over the next 10 years. Israel will be free to operate or sell four other Somerfin ships on which she holds first mortgages. The agreement is expected to be approved shortly by the subcommittee on economic affairs of Israel's Cabinet.

(Last week, the cruise ship Nili, one of the Somerfin vessels, was ordered sold at auction by an American court in Miami to satisfy a bankruptcy claim. The 500-passenger ship has been tied up in Miami since November 18, when the Israel Government asked for a legal attachment on a claim that Somerfin had failed to meet a mortgage payment.)

B'NAI B'RITH ADOPTS \$12,105,672 BUDGET FOR 1967; 44% FOR YOUTH WORK

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- B'nai B'rith today adopted a budget totaling \$12,105,672 for 1967 and allocated 44 percent of it -- a record \$5,320,000 -- for cultural and educational youth activities.

Despite a \$435,000 increase for its teen-through-college age activities which now serve some 175,000 Jewish youths, Rabbi Jay Kaufman, executive vice-president of B'nai B'rith, said that the budget allows for only "minimal growth" and does not "match strides" with increases in the Jewish youth population and "the greater receptivity of Jewish youth to organized Jewish activities."

Rabbi Kaufman expressed "disappointment" with allocations granted B'nai B'rith youth programs by Jewish federations and welfare funds which, he said, accounted for 22.3 percent of B'nai B'rith youth expenditures in 1952, but have proportionately decreased to less than 12.5 percent by 1965. In the same period, B'nai B'rith had a 250 percent growth in the cost of its youth work, he stated.

The budget was adopted here at a meeting of the B'nai B'rith board of governors which, among its resolutions, appealed to the United States to create "the conditions for a cease-fire in Viet Nam." The resolution on that subject noted that President Johnson "has vigorously though vainly pursued the paths of peace" and urged that the U.S. Government take action "in concert with the United Nations" to move toward a halt in the Viet Nam shooting war.

"B'nai B'rith," the resolution declared, "finds itself torn between the desperate desire to see the war end and the realization that premature withdrawal by the allied forces in South Viet Nam would open South Viet Nam to the rule of might and not right or the will of the people." The measure noted approvingly that "the right of free expression and open dissent has remained untrammelled." It added that American initiative toward a cease-fire must take into account a need for safeguards by the United Nations and the major powers that small nations "would be sheltered from the incursions of aggression."

May Establish B'nai B'rith Branch in Spain under Proposed Laws

The possibility of establishing a branch of the B'nai B'rith in Spain when that country's constitutional reforms and proposed laws on religious freedom are enacted and put into practice was indicated last night by Dr. William Wexler, B'nai B'rith president, addressing the Board of Governors.

He said he was "encouraged by the indications" that the prospective legislation "will provide a legal basis, supported and protected by the state, for Spain's Jews to practice Judaism, individually and as a community, freely and openly." The effect of the reforms, he said, "can end the isolation of Spain's 8,000 Jews from the "spiritual and cultural interplay of the Jewish world."

The proposed laws, covering non-Catholics, would provide Spanish Jewry with the right to own and maintain "identifiable" synagogues and other communal institutions, conduct Jewish marriages, burials and other rituals with full legal sanction, and engage in Jewish educational and cultural pursuits. Dr. Wexler had visited the country in October. He said that Spanish Jews active in synagogal affairs had advised him of their interest in establishing formal affiliation with B'nai B'rith which is currently active in 45 countries.

The Board of Governors adopted a resolution calling upon "the major powers and the United Nations" to treat the Middle East crisis "with utmost urgency" and prevent frictions in the region from mounting into a major conflict. It urged that both elements -- the leading powers and the U.N. -- vigorously move for direct negotiations between the Arab states and Israel, and "the exploration and application of any other acceptable means" of achieving peace and solving the region's problems.

18,000 NEW YORKERS ATTEND CHANUKAH FESTIVAL FOR ISRAEL BONDS

NEW YORK, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- A capacity audience of more than 18,000 New Yorkers filled Madison Square Garden tonight to attend the Chanukah Festival for Israel Bonds in celebration of the Jewish holiday of freedom, which begins at sundown Wednesday. The event was a culminating highlight of the 1966 campaign in Greater New York to raise \$20,000,000 through the sale of Israel Bonds to advance the economic development of Israel. Admission to the Festival was through the purchase of Israel Bonds.

A dramatic high point of the Festival was an 80th birthday salute to David Ben-Gurion, the first Prime Minister of the State of Israel. The noted actor, Edward G. Robinson, saluted Mr. Ben-Gurion in a reading entitled, "Tribute to a True Maccabee." Another dramatic high point of the Festival was the readings from the works of Shmuel Yosef Agnon and Nelly Sachs, who share the 1966 Nobel Prize for literature.

TWC JEWS CHOSEN AS MAYORS IN CANADA; FIRST JEWISH JUDGE IN ALBERTA

TORONTO, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- Two Jews were chosen as mayors of their respective cities in Western Canada. Allan Barsky was elected mayor of Prince Albert, Sask. At Flin Flon, Man., Jack Freedman was chosen mayor.

Samuel S. Lieberman, a prominent Jewish attorney, was sworn in today in Edmonton, Alta. as judge of the District of Northern Alberta. He is the first Jewish judge in Alberta and at 44 is the youngest judge ever appointed to a superior court in the province. He is active in the United Jewish Appeal and in B'nai B'rith and is a member of the board of the Jewish Community Council of Edmonton.

S.Y. AGNON LEAVES FOR STOCKHOLM TO RECEIVE THE NOBEL PRIZE

TEL AVIV, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- Shmuel Yosef Agnon, the famous Hebrew author who, with another Jewish writer, Miss Nelly Sachs, of Sweden, will share this year's Nobel Prize for literature, left today for Stockholm, where the Nobel awards will be presented next Saturday night.

Many leading Israelis were at Lydda Airport, whence Mr. Agnon departed by plane, to wish bon voyage to the author. Among those present were Minister of Education Zalman Aranne, and officials acting as personal representatives of President Zalman Shazar and Prime Minister Levi Eshkol. Among the participants in the airport ceremonies were school children who presented flowers to Mr. Agnon, Mrs. Agnon, and his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Chaim Yaron, accompanied him.

AMERICAN FRIENDS ESTABLISH \$300,000 FELLOWSHIP FUND AT HEBREW U.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- A \$300,000 fund for graduate study fellowships at the Institute of Contemporary Jewry at the Hebrew University has been established by the American Friends of the Hebrew University, it was announced here today. Lionel R. Bauman, former president of the American Friends, has undertaken to initiate the fellowship fund with a \$50,000 grant made personally and in behalf of friends.

The fund will provide fellowships for graduate students from the United States and other countries who will be coming to the Institute in pursuit of Masters degrees and Doctorates. It will also help finance the study of research fellows from the Institute in the United States. The fund was established following the recent London meeting of the International Committee of the Institute under the chairmanship of Ambassador Philip M. Klutznick.

WEST COAST CONFERENCE VOTES TO PROVIDE \$1,000,000 FOR HISTADRUT

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- More than 2,000 delegates to the annual West Coast conference of the Israel Histadrut campaign paid double honor today to Julius Fliegelman of Los Angeles at the same time voting for two separate campaign quotas, each for \$500,000. Guest speakers included Michael Arnon, Israel's Consul General in New York, and Ralph L. Helstein, international president of the AFL-CIO United Packing-house Foods and Allied Workers.

Bernard B. Jacobson, the Histadrut drive's West Coast director, announced that the delegates set a regular campaign quota of \$500,000 and pledged another half million dollars to the American Histadrut Development Foundation. Mr. Fliegelman was re-elected as Pacific Coast president of the Israel Histadrut campaign and at the same time received the founders award of the Development Foundation whose program he helped initiate five years ago. The award was presented by John I. Marder, reelected as the campaign's Los Angeles chairman. He noted that Fliegelman recently doubled his earlier bequest to the Development Foundation to a total of \$50,000.

AMERICAN ISRAEL PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE TO INTENSIFY ACTIVITIES

NEW YORK, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- The American Israel Public Affairs Committee today announced that it will undertake a nationwide effort to interpret recent Middle East developments to the American people. The announcement was issued following a two-day session held by the Committee in New York at which a resolution was adopted deploring the recent United Nations Security Council resolution censuring Israel for its reprisal raid on Jordan on November 13.

"We deplore this most recent one-sided Security Council resolution of November 25th as unjust and unwise because it failed to condemn provocations against Israel and because it failed to take effective measures to deal with the fundamental cause of the conflict: the illegal Arab war against Israel's existence and the never-ending threats and preparations to prosecute the war. We fear that this demonstration of weakness will encourage renewed assaults against Israel and that these, in turn, may provoke new measures by Israel to defend its borders and to deter the attackers," the American Israel Public Affairs Committee resolution stated.