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ISRAEL CABINET DISCUSSES ACTION AGAINST SYRIA; CONSIDERS SITUATION GRAVE

JERUSALEM, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- Prime Minister Levi Eshkol today informed the Cabinet that the Israel Army has taken measures to defend the country against Syrian attack and against acts of sabotage by Arab infiltrators.

He reported this development at a Cabinet meeting following a conference held by him earlier this morning with Israel's Chief of Staff Yitzhak Rabin with whom he discussed security problems. A separate conference was also held by him this morning with Foreign Minister Abba Eban on possible international developments.

At the Cabinet meeting, Mr. Eshkol outlined the border situation which became extremely grave following renewed attacks today by Syrian positions on Israeli boats on Lake Tiberias, which lies within Israel territory, and the placing of a mine yesterday by saboteurs which exploded during a soccer game near Dishon, in Northern Israel, killing one Israeli spectator and wounding two players. Today's exchange of fire between Israel and Syria across Lake Tiberias lasted ten minutes. No casualties were reported.

Foreign Minister Eban reported to the Cabinet today that a series of steps will be taken to inform international bodies and world opinion on the border situation and on Israel's reaction. It is expected that Premier Eshkol will call late tonight on the United Nations and the world powers to take speedy and effective action to force Syria to halt its terrorist infiltrations into Israel and the escalation of tension along the border. He will also stress that Israel cannot tolerate a continuation of the present situation and will have to take appropriate action to halt it.

Israeli Police Has Difficult Time in Containing Angered Crowds

Police had a difficult time today containing angered crowds who came to Dishon to participate in the funeral of Joseph Cohen, a member of the settlement who was killed yesterday in the soccer field by the mine planted by Arab infiltrators. Cohen, who was on leave from Israel Paratroop Corps, was a spectator at the game when the mine exploded.

An army spokesman said that the nature of the mine, and the discovery of footsteps leading to the nearby Lebanese border indicated that the mine was planted by members of the Fedayeen terrorist group. A second mine was discovered nearby and dismantled by ordinance experts. A waterpump near Dishon was damaged by an explosive charge the previous night, apparently placed by the same terrorist group. Leaflets were found on the spot, identifying the saboteurs.

Observers here said it appeared that the terrorists who placed the two mines and the explosives were under Syrian control, using Lebanon as an infiltration route. The materials used are standard Syrian army equipment. The observers said that the blasts were the first in recent weeks aimed at civilians and the incidents were regarded as another escalation in Israel-Syrian border tension.

The main question posed by observers here is: What can Israel do? Two ways are open -- either to do nothing at all, in which case the infiltrations and murders are expected to continue and even increase; or to strike at the bases used by the terrorists for their murder attacks. Many observers here feel that the Syrian regime, already politically shaky, would not endanger its existence by suffering a military defeat at Israel's hands and would thus halt terrorist attacks.

ACTIONS COMMITTEE APPROVES \$103,255,000 BUDGET FOR JEWISH AGENCY

JERUSALEM, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- The Zionist Actions Committee, the ruling body of the world Zionist movement between Congresses, today approved a budget for the 1967-68 fiscal year totaling 309,776,000 Israel pounds (\$103,255,000).

The budget was presented by Aryeh L. Pincus, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, who pledged that despite the cutbacks in budget, "no immigrant wishing to come to Israel will be barred from doing so or delayed because of the Agency's financial problems."

\$115,000,000 GOAL FOR ISRAEL BCND CAMPAIGN FOR 1967 ADOPTED

NEW YORK, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- A record goal of \$115,000,000 for the 1967 campaign for the sale of Israel bonds was adopted here today at the concluding session of the three-day National Planning Conference of the Israel Bond Organization held at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. The conference was attended by 350 Jewish leaders from the United States and Canada.

The conference took this action after Finance Minister of Israel Pinchas Sapir, who came to the United States to emphasize his country's reliance on Israel bonds to meet its development needs, urged greater effort to meet a 29 percent increase in Israel's Development Budget for the coming year. The \$115,000,000 target represents a corresponding increase over the \$91,000,000 which was sold during the worldwide campaign for Israel bonds last year.

Stressing Israel's greater need for economic assistance to speed the readjustment of its economy, Mr. Sapir said: "We hope that American Jewry will give us the tools to readjust our economy so that we may produce more goods for export and resume our rapid strides toward economic independence."

The Finance Minister predicted that Israel's new economic policy of shifting its manpower into export-oriented industry would succeed in restoring its economy to "stability and productive strength." He said that the new emphasis on production for export would bring Israel's exports for 1967 to a total of \$1,000,000,000, as compared with \$880,000,000 in 1966. Mr. Sapir stressed the fact that the Israel bond drive had been "the backbone of our development program."

Asserting that the Government of Israel has applied "vital necessary restraints" on the economy in order to narrow the gap in its balance of payments, Mr. Sapir said: "Our objectives, both immediate and long-range, are to place greater emphasis on industrial production and exports; to pump more investments into development areas; to reduce production costs and to create more productive jobs."

Israel is seeking to achieve these objectives, he declared, through more intensive efforts to attract investments from abroad and by using the budget as an instrument for development. "The success of our economic policies which we have adopted," the Israel Finance Minister said, "will enable us to cross the last frontier to reach the high ground of economic stability and productive strength." He predicted that Israel's annual trade deficit would be reduced to the \$200,000,000 level in 1971.

U.S. Secretary of Interior Says Arabs Should Emulate Israel

U.S. Secretary of Interior Stewart L. Udall, addressing the conference, said peace and stability in the troubled Middle East could be greatly advanced if Israel's neighbors would follow its "wonderful example" of land reclamation and development. He compared the vast natural wealth of America with the meager resources of Israel, which was "not blessed by abundant fresh water, or by forests, or by a temperate climate."

In an impressive way, he said, Israel had to create the three fundamentals of life which he listed as Land, Air and Water and to which he referred by the mnemonic, LAW. He described how, in order to survive, Israel had to convert the sand into soil and "make the desert blossom," how she had to preserve, "not poison" her air, how she had to find water, calling upon her archeologists to rediscover ancient springs, how she constructed a pipeline to bring water from the Jordan River to the Negev, and how she turned to the Red Sea and established facilities to extract the salt from sea water.

Mr. Udall called this achievement "very remarkable," adding that it was a "tribute to the people and the leaders of Israel" that they succeeded in "creating a living and life-supporting environment, even in a hostile climate." He lauded the Israel Bond Organization for its role in financing the developing program in Israel.

\$90,894,150 in Israel Bonds Sold in 1966, Dr. Schwartz Reports

Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, vice-president of the Israel Bond Organization, reported that \$90,894,150 in Israel bonds were sold in 1966 to aid Israel's economic development. Of this, more than \$76,000,000 came from the United States and \$5,700,000 from Canada. He stressed that the proceeds from Israel bond sales were of crucial importance at the present time to enable Israel to cope with a recent increase in unemployment and to stimulate the expansion of industrial production for export as the means of improving its balance of trade.

In his report, Dr. Schwartz also disclosed that in 1966 the State of Israel paid out a total of more than \$65,000,000 in the redemption of matured Israel bonds, the bulk of it to American investors. He emphasized the importance of continuing the sale of Israel bonds at the highest possible level.

Israel's Ambassador to Washington, Avraham Harman, told the conference that American and Canadian Jewry have been a great and invaluable asset in the establishment and development of Israel, and expressed the hope that in the coming year they will enlarge

their financial support for its economic recovery through the 1967 Israel bond campaign. Abraham Feinberg, president of the Israel Bond Organization, expressed confidence that the sale of Israel bonds during 1967 would keep pace with Israel's needs, and would reach a level which would help the country arrive at a quick solution of its current economic problems. Louis H. Boyar of Los Angeles, chairman of the Board of Governors of Israel Bonds, expressed confidence in Israel's economic future, and indicated some of the major advances which Israel has recorded with the aid of Israel bonds.

At the conclusion of the session, Samuel Rothberg, national campaign chairman, outlined the terms of the Third Development Issue of Israel bonds, which will be on sale throughout 1967. There are two types of bonds, he said: Fifteen-Year Coupon Bonds, paying 4 percent interest per year, which are available in denominations from \$500 to \$100,000. Twelve-Year Savings Bonds, maturing at 160 percent of the issue amount, which are offered in denominations from \$100 to \$10,000. Principal and interest on both types of Israel bonds are payable in United States dollars.

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY CENTER STARTS DRIVE AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM

NEW YORK, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- The John XXIII Center for Eastern Christian Studies at Fordham University started this weekend a nationwide campaign to combat anti-Semitism among Catholics at the grass roots level.

A series of six 16-page pamphlets were issued by the Catholic university center for the campaign. The pamphlets describe in detail the history of Christian persecution of Jews, term such activities as "sinful" and present in laymen's language the condemnation by the Second Vatican Council of anti-Semitism. The pamphlets will be distributed in parishes and parochial schools in all parts of the United States.

The Rev. Edward Flannery, a Jesuit who is editorial director of the series and a member of the United States Bishops' Secretariat for Catholic-Jewish relations, said the purpose of the campaign was to "interpret the Church's opposition to anti-Semitism at the grass roots level." He added that the Center would seek to have the material used in Catholic schools and homes "in every diocese" in the United States.

He revealed that the first printing is 250,000 sets. Each booklet is printed in color and contains many illustrations. Each set sells for 25 cents. The history of Christian persecution of Jews was described by Father Flannery as "the page that has been torn out of Christian history books." "If we are to understand and talk realistically with Jews then these historical facts have to be out on the table for all to see," he declared.

A booklet discussing the morality of anti-Semitism calls it "many times a sin." Other booklets tell how Christianity had its roots in Judaism and how the church developed out of the synagogue. The Rev. George A. Maloney, a member of the Center staff, said nine bishops and archbishops had given specific approval to the use of the pamphlets in their dioceses. They include the Most Rev. John J. Wright, Bishop of Pittsburgh, and the Most Rev. John P. Cody, Archbishop of Chicago.

A spokesman for Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, said it was not the Archdiocese policy to give specific approval to such publications but that this was not necessary because the booklets already have an imprimatur, or formal approval. He said also he hoped that the series would achieve "its intended purpose of better understanding between Christians and Jews."

CHIEF RABBI OF RUMANIA LEAVES U.S.; IS LAUDED BY AMBASSADOR GOLDBERG

NEW YORK, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- Chief Rabbi Moses Rosen of Rumania left the United States today following the completion of an eight-week visit to this country during which he met with leaders of various Jewish organizations and addressed numerous conferences.

Prior to his leaving, the rabbi was tendered a reception by Prof. Gheorghe Diaconescu, the Rumanian Ambassador to the United Nations, at which Ambassador Arthur J. Goldberg, head of the U.S. delegation to the United Nations, was one of the guests. Mr. Goldberg called the Chief Rabbi's visit a contribution to understanding between the peoples of the United States and Rumania.

Morris Abram, president of the American Jewish Committee, Dr. Maurice Perlzweig of the World Jewish Congress, Jack Weiler of the Joint Distribution Committee and Murray I. Gurfein, president of United Hias Service also attended the reception. Rabbi Rosen said he was very impressed during his visit not only by the efforts of the American Jewish community but also by its Jewish intensity. He said he was taking with him a most hopeful impression of American Jewry and of its young people in particular.

SOVIET SCIENTIST ARRIVES IN ISRAEL TO LECTURE AT HEBREW UNIVERSITY

JERUSALEM, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- Dr. Ernst Koleman, prominent Soviet Jewish professor, arrived here today for a number of lectures at the Hebrew University. The 76-year-old professor, who is known as one of Russia's foremost experts on philosophy of mathematics, physics and astronomy, will remain in Israel with his wife for one month.

ORTHODOX AND REFORM RABBIS SEEK END OF STRIKE OF CEMETERY WORKERS

NEW YORK, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- A group of Reform rabbis and two Orthodox organizations sought today to obtain action to end a 14-day strike of cemetery workers which has forced observant Jews to bury their dead themselves.

The Association of Reform Rabbis of New York, representing 250 rabbis, offered to mediate the strike by the Cemetery Workers and Green Attendants of Local 365 of the AFL-CIO Building Service Employees Union against 36 Catholic, Jewish and non-sectarian cemeteries. The Reform rabbis group deplored the inability of families to carry out "the sacred duty of burying their dead."

The two Orthodox groups were the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, headed by President Joseph Karasik, and the Rabbinical Council of America, headed by Rabbi Pesach Z. Levovitz. The two Orthodox leaders called on Gov. Nelson Rockefeller and Mayor John Lindsay to take immediate steps to make possible the burial of the dead, without regard to the strike.

The two Orthodox leaders said that if the strike was not settled promptly, "we shall take steps to form an emergency corps of volunteers to inter the departed." They said a large number of offers had been received from students of rabbinical seminaries and other young people volunteering their services for that purpose.

"The failure to bury the dead and the accumulation of bodies has reached emergency proportions and immediate steps must be taken to resolve this emergency," the Orthodox leaders declared. "The strike must under no circumstances prevent the citizens of New York from abiding by the dictates of their consciences and from fulfilling the precepts of their faith." They also said that failure to inter the dead was "a direct violation" of Jewish religious principles "and is rapidly creating havoc among the many families involved."

AMERICAN ZIONIST COUNCIL ELECTS RABBI MILLER AS CHAIRMAN

NEW YORK, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- Rabbi Israel Miller, chairman of the American Jewish Conference on Soviet Jewry, the coordinating body of 25 national Jewish organizations, has been elected as chairman of the American Zionist Council which acts as the coordinating and policy-making body for the entire Zionist movement in the United States.

Hy Faine, president of the Labor Zionist Organization of America, was elected to serve as chairman of the executive committee of the Council. The American Zionist Council represents 14 national Zionist organizations with a membership of 700,000 men and women.

CENTRAL SYNAGOGUE IN NEW YORK MARKS 120th ANNIVERSARY OF EXISTENCE

NEW YORK, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- The Central Synagogue, one of the oldest houses of worship in New York, today marked its 120th anniversary at a gathering attended by prominent civic and Jewish communal leaders. The Reform synagogue was founded by 18 young men who had emigrated from Bohemia, now part of Czechoslovakia. Rabbi Isaac Meyer Wise, a founder of Reform Judaism in this country, laid the cornerstone of the synagogue which has played a part in the historic development of the Reform movement.

Rabbi Jacob J. Weinstein, president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, who addressed the gathering, called upon religious leaders to convince their congregants that the Viet Nam war must be brought to the peace table as soon as possible. He said that regardless of the divided opinion within religious groups on the pursuit of the war and its final outcome, "it is the bounden duty of religion to create a climate which will bring about a condition where religiously motivated individuals demand peaceful solutions."

HAMLIN HONORED ON 75th BIRTHDAY; 75 SCHOLARSHIPS ESTABLISHED

NEW YORK, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- Seventy-five scholarships for the vocational training of Israeli young persons were established this afternoon in honor of the 75th birthday of Isaac Hamlin, a leader of the Labor Zionist movement in the United States for the past half century and founder and first national secretary of the Israel Histadrut Campaign. The scholarships, funds for which were contributed by friends of Mr. Hamlin, were announced at a luncheon in his honor attended by some 500 representatives of Jewish and labor organizations.

Speakers at the luncheon included: Rep. Ogden Reid, New York Republican and former U.S. Ambassador to Israel; Ephraim Evron, Israeli Minister to the United States; Jacob C. Potofsky, president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America; Judge Samuel C. Leibowitz of New York; Zev Barash, U.S. representative of the Histadrut; Samuel Bonchek, president of the Farband Labor Zionist Order; Dr. Sol Stein, executive director of the National Committee for Labor Israel; and Israel Stolarsky, associate director.

Cabled greetings to Mr. Hamlin were received from Israel President Zalman Shazar; Prime Minister Levi Eshkol; former Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion; Mrs. Golda Meir, secretary general of Mapai and former Foreign Minister; and Aharon Becker, general secretary of Histadrut.