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## ISRAEL'S PARLEY ACCEPTANCE IS 'OFFICIAL'; TRUCE DURATION IN DOUBT

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Jan. 18. (JTA) -- Ambassador Michael S. Comay of Israel formally transmitted to United Nations Secretary-General U Thant today Israel's official and formal agreement to participate in a special meeting of the Israel-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission in an effort to reduce tension along the Israel-Syrian border. The Israel letter of acceptance stressed that the extraordinary meeting would be "on an agreed agenda with a view to reaching an understanding on the problems of cultivation in the area."

Syria's formal acceptance had been transmitted a day earlier but the Christian Science Monitor reported from Beirut that the Syrian regime had not disclosed the news to the Syrian public. Israel submitted another complaint to the Security Council last night -- its sixth this month -- over two border incidents and drew the Council's attention to the statement made on Sunday by the Syrian Minister of the Interior in which he said:

"Syria has altered its strategy against Israel, and has moved over from defense to attack. Where Israel has fired a bullet, we have replied with artillery shells and tanks and the guns of our planes. Through operations carried out in recent days by the Syrian Army, we will teach Israel a lesson she will not forget. We will continue to carry on operations until she has been eliminated."

## Ambassador Harman Confers With Under Secretary Katzenbach

Ambassador Avraham Harman had a one-hour meeting today with Under Secretary of State Nicholas de B. Katzenbach at the State Department and said later that they had reviewed the Syrian border situation. The ambassador said he had explained the seriousness of the situation. He told reporters that "we have had 24 good hours" -- a reference to the absence of new incidents on the frontier -- but declined to speculate on the future.

JTA dispatches from Jerusalem quoted political circles there as attributing the relative calm on the northern frontier to two factors: U Thant's intervention and the heavy, winter rains which have prevented cultivation of land in the disputed border zones. Many of the border incidents resulted when Syrian forces tried to prevent Israeli farmers from cultivating fields in the demilitarized zones.

United Nations observers, according to the Christian Science Monitor, were in accord with Israel political circles in doubting that Mr. Thant's intervention would have lasting effects. Jerusalem sources, cited in JTA dispatches, pointed out that the U.N. intervention was limited to one issue: land cultivation, whereas the major, basic issue was Syria's proclaimed intention to press further aggressions across the border. Unless Syria curbs its anti-Israel policy, it was believed in Jerusalem, the present calm would be of brief duration and the situation could easily flare up again, reaching new peaks of violence.

Dispatches from Beirut quoted Arab military observers to the effect that if Israel embarked on a retaliatory raid against Syria, it would take the form of a large airborne operation with paratroopers and infantry dropped behind Syrian lines, north of Huleh and in the Deraa area where guerrilla units were reportedly based.

## ESHKOL LINKS SYRIAN BORDER ATTACKS AND JORDAN WATER DIVERSION

JERUSALEM, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- Prime Minister Levi Eshkol said last night that Israel would "explore all political possibilities to prevent further deterioration" of the situation on the Syrian border, but "if all these steps do not help, we shall talk to the Syrians in the only language they understand."

Mr. Eshkol voiced that warning in an address at Tel Aviv, before a seminar of Israeli academic personnel affiliated with the Mapai Party. He went to Tel Aviv immediately after his address to the Knesset (Parliament), where he had stated that the "next few days" would be decisive in determining whether the Middle East pacification steps taken by the United Nations and the major powers would help restrain Syria's continuing aggressions.

The Premier said that Israel's army had been strengthened greatly in the last three years. He referred not only to Syria's aggressions of the last three weeks but also to the three-year old Arab campaign for diversion of the Jordan River waters so as to deny Israel's use of Jordan River waters. "Our struggle against the diversion of the waters of the Jordan River sources is not yet concluded," he stated. "The Syrians are still holding to their diversion plans, although their preparatory work for diversion of the Jordan headwaters is taking place at sites distant from our border."

JORDANIANS WOUND THREE ISRAELIS IN INCIDENT NEAR EILAT

TEL AVIV, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- Three Israeli soldiers were wounded today when an Israeli border patrol came under fire from a Jordanian position in the Akaba-Eilat area in southernmost Israel.

The Israeli patrol was moving along a road parallel to a border fence, when the Jordanian firing was begun. The Israelis returned the fire, and the exchange lasted a few minutes. Israel immediately filed a complaint regarding the incident with the Jordan-Israel Mixed Armistice Commission.

(Brief dispatches from Amman reported that the first Globemasters airlifting to Jordan American arms which the United States promised last November after the Es Samu raid, began arriving at Jordanian airfields today.)

A shooting exchange between Israel and Jordan yesterday, in the Ramleh region, about 10 miles south of Tel Aviv, was settled by Israel and Jordan today without resort by either side to MAC complaints. The affray lasted about a half hour, with some intervals of quiet. No one was hurt on Israel's side. Each side explained to the other today that the shooting resulted from mutual misunderstandings.

(At Amman, a military spokesman said last night there had also been a brief exchange of fire between Israeli and Jordanian forces south of the Jordanian village of Rantis, in the Nablus area.)

WINTER WEATHER HITS WIDE AREAS OF ISRAEL, DISRUPTING SHIPPING, HARVESTING

TEL AVIV, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- Rains, snow, floods and low temperatures throughout Israel raised havoc in various parts of the country today. In northern Galilee, snow this morning covered Mt. Meron and the hills surrounding Safad.

At the port of Haifa, heavy rains halted ship loadings yesterday and today, each time for brief intervals. Citrus picking was also hampered by the rains.

Heavy floods swelled rivers and wadis in the South to the danger point. At Bet Shimka, site of heavy floods a month ago, the waters threatened to inundate homes, and a number of families were evacuated.

MINISTER BLAMES 'FAULTY' MANAGEMENT, NOT WAGES FOR ISRAELI EXPORT WOES

JERUSALEM, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- "Faulty" industrial management in Israel, and not high wages and salaries, is to blame for Israel's export difficulties, Minister of Commerce and Industry Zev Sherf declared today.

Pointing out that, despite difficulties, last week's exports had risen by 18.5 percent, as compared with the previous week, Mr. Sherf said that dismissal of workers could be only a first step toward improvement of the export situation. "The main thing," he said, "is for management to improve its own efficiency and planning." Despite what he called "management's lack of efficiency," he expressed optimism for Israel's success in increasing its exports.

EBAN TELLS KNESSET ISRAEL PROVIDES TECHNICAL AID TO 70 COUNTRIES

JERUSALEM, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- Israel has extended technical aid to 70 countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Mediterranean area, Foreign Minister Abba Eban disclosed today in a report to Parliament.

He said 1,500 trainees from developing countries received training in Israel in 1966, and 640 Israeli experts were on missions abroad. Courses conducted by Israeli experts took place in six Latin American countries, five African nations and in Ceylon. He reported 600 persons studied finance and administration of local government and construction in those courses.

At the same time, the Ministry of Agriculture reported that about 400 Israeli agricultural and water resource experts are now serving in 42 countries around the world. Most of those experts are aiding various development projects in Latin America and Africa.

HEBREW U. REPORTS ITS 1967-68 BUDGET IS SHORT OF FUNDS BY 25%

JERUSALEM, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- The Hebrew University disclosed today that it was lacking 25 percent of funds needed to meet its 1967-68 budget, and might have to curtail activities and dismiss part of its staff.

The shortage of funds was described in a brochure distributed to members of the academic staff. University officials were reported to have informed the Finance Ministry that, unless significant financial support was provided, the university would have to cut its staff and activities. The brochure described the present financial situation as "the most serious in the existence" of the University.

MOSCOW YIDDISH MAGAZINE WILL PUBLISH SPECIAL ISSUE ON ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- The Association of Yiddish Writers and Journalists in Israel received today, and promptly accepted, an invitation to contribute to a special issue of *Sovietisch Heimland*, the monthly published in Yiddish in Moscow. The issue, according to the invitation, will be devoted to Israel and to Israeli writers in the Yiddish language.

The invitation was sent by Aaron Vergelis, editor of *Sovietisch Heimland*, who sent similar bids to Israeli authors writing in Hebrew and in Arabic.

The Association of Yiddish Writers and Journalists said it "welcomed" the invitation by Mr. Vergelis, and expressed the hope that the planned special issue of the Moscow monthly on Israel and Israeli Yiddish literature "may mark the beginning of a rapprochement between Yiddish writers in Russia and their colleagues in Israel."

ISRAEL ENVOY SAYS GERMAN-JEWISH RELATIONS CANNOT BE NORMAL IN OUR TIME

LONDON, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- Ambassador Asher Ben-Nathan, the Israeli envoy to West Germany, told a London Jewish audience tonight that there could not be normal relations between Germans and Jews in the lifetime of this generation.

"Israel and Germany now have normal relations but this does not mean that relations between Jews and Germans could be normal, in our time at any rate," he declared. "We must not delude ourselves. The German National Democratic Party is a neo-Nazi party. There are few Jews left in Germany, but recent events have shown that anti-Semitism, as a sickness of the soul, can exist without Jews and we should ponder over this."

Oxford Club Due to Withdraw Invitation to German Neo-Nazi Leader

LONDON, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- An invitation to Adolf von Thadden, deputy leader of the National Democratic Party, to speak before the Oxford University Liberal Club was expected to be withdrawn following protests by Jewish students and the withdrawal from the program of Liberal Party leaders who had previously agreed to appear. Richard Moore, a Liberal M.P., said he did not "wish to be a party to a meeting which will give this man television publicity in Germany as I am sure such a meeting at Oxford would furnish."

(In Paris, the French Committee of Resistance, composed of representatives of 47 wartime anti-Nazi groups, petitioned the Ministry of the Interior to bar von Thadden from making any speeches in France.)

Interior Minister Refuses to Ban Neo-Nazi Anti-Semitic Sheet

BONN, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- West German Interior Minister Paul Luecke rejected demands today that the Bonn Government take action against the notoriously anti-Semitic newspaper, *Deutsche National und Soldaten-Zeitung*. This position was made clear in a reply to a demand by the German Trade Union Federation. A spokesman for the Ministry said that the same stand applied to demands for the banning of the neo-Nazi National Democratic Party.

Mr. Luecke was said to be of the opinion that political opposition was preferable to suppression.

BAVARIAN PRESIDENT AGREES TO INTERCEDE IN PASSION PLAY ISSUE

NEW YORK, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- Dr. Alfons Goppel, Minister-President of the West German State of Bavaria has promised to use his influence with the Oberammergau authorities to persuade them to substitute another version of the Passion Play for the present anti-Semitic text.

Dr. Goppel's met leaders of the American Jewish Committee here in the presence of Dr. Klaus Curtius, West German Consul-General in New York. The Committee leaders -- who included Irving M. Engel, honorary president; Richard Maass, Foreign Affairs Committee chairman; Dr. John Slawson, executive vice-president; Dr. Simon Segal, Foreign Affairs Department director; and Jerry Goodman, European Specialist -- stressed that the Oberammergau version is in direct conflict with decisions taken by the Ecumenical Council.

The delegation also asked Dr. Goppel to act to halt illegal publication of Hitler's "Mein Kampf," the copyright of which is owned by the Bavarian State Government. Dr. Goppel promised to discuss this with the West German Foreign Ministry.

MAGAZINE REPORTS MARTIN BORMANN, HITLER DEPUTY, IS IN ARGENTINA

NEW YORK, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- The current issue of *Argosy* magazine contains photographs which the magazine said were of Martin Bormann, Hitler's long-missing deputy, purportedly taken at Bormann's "Argentine hideout." Bormann has variously been reported killed in the Soviet bombardment of Berlin in 1945 and later seen or reported in at least three South American countries. The photographs show what *Argosy* claims are Bormann and other former Nazi leaders hunting.

RABBINICAL ALLIANCE REJECTS CLERGY MOBILIZATION ON VIET NAM

NEW YORK, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- The Rabbinical Alliance of America, an Orthodox group, announced today that it dissociated itself from the planned "mobilization of clergy" the end of this month in Washington to protest the war in Viet Nam. Rabbi Abraham B. Hecht, president of the organization, reiterated the Alliance's "full support of the Government's policy in Viet Nam."

Asserting that the organization had consistently supported the President on the Viet Nam struggle during the past few years, Rabbi Hecht declared: "We deplore the efforts by the so-called 'Guardians of the Faith' organized under the name of clergy and laymen concerned about Viet Nam to embarrass our Government and its elected officials, having prejudged and condemned our Government and its policies beforehand."

PENNA. SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS CONSTITUTIONALITY OF STATE BUS LAW

HARRISBURG, Pa., Jan. 18. (JTA) -- The Pennsylvania State Supreme Court has upheld the constitutionality of the state's busing law which requires public school districts in the state to provide free transportation to children of private and religious schools.

The five-to-two decision dealt with a consolidated suit filed in two counties, Abington and Rose Tree, in which the American Jewish Congress was a sponsor. Leo Pfeffer, the AJCongress law expert, served as an attorney for the plaintiffs in the consolidated case. The suit was filed directly with the State Supreme court in August 1965.

The ruling also struck down a separate challenge to the constitutionality of the 18-month old law which was filed as a taxpayers' suit in Philadelphia in March, 1966 by the Presbyter of Philadelphia, the Philadelphia Baptists Association, the Council of Liberal Churches, and the Philadelphia Jewish Community Relations Council.

A spokesman for the Philadelphia JCRC said that the ruling would be studied before a determination was made as to whether the decision should be appealed.

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In New York, the Agudath Israel of America and the National Jewish Commission on Law and Public Affairs, an organization composed of young Orthodox Jewish lawyers, welcomed the decision as "the latest victory for justice for non-public school children."

CALIFORNIA RABBIS REITERATE OPPOSITION TO RELEASED TIME PROGRAM

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- The Board of Rabbis of Southern California reiterated today its opposition to Jewish participation in the Released Time program of the Los Angeles public schools which allows pupils time off from school to receive religious instruction in an institution of their choosing.

Rabbi Samson H. Levey, president of the Board, declared in a statement that "we are opposed to Released Time and continue to maintain that indoctrination and education in religion is the exclusive responsibility of the home, the synagogue and the church and it is not the business of the public schools, either through direct or indirect action."

SOLENDER DEFENDS JEWISH CENTER OPEN MEMBERSHIP POLICY

NEW YORK, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- Participation of non-Jewish members in the programs of Jewish community centers "does not deter or adversely affect the capacity of the center to fulfill its Jewish purposes and program," Sanford Solender, executive vice-president of the National Jewish Welfare Board, asserted today.

In a reply to criticism by Label A. Katz, former international president of B'nai B'rith, of an open membership policy in Jewish centers, Mr. Solender declared that on the average, approximately four to five percent of center members were non-Jews and he declared that "center experiences indicate that non-Jewish participation is primarily in physical education facilities and programs and in activities of general community interest." He noted further that "such participation generally is minimal in the group associational programs for children and youth."

The JWB official insisted that "open membership is the only tenable policy for a center. It is supportive of basic Jewish values. It is expressive of the unity of that which is American and Jewish." Open democratic membership practices, he said, in the context of firm adherence to Jewish purposes, "is a guideline to the creative integration of the American and Jewish components of our future." It was "inconceivable," he said, "that the center close its doors to non-Jews. As a people who have experienced the pain of discrimination, we could hardly inflict this on others." He concluded that "it is possible to maintain an open membership policy in a center which places primary emphasis on Jewish goals and programs without conflict with the center's major purpose."