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ISRAEL DENIES THAT ESHKOL MADE DIRECT APPEALS TO JOHNSON, DEGAULLE

JERUSALEM, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- The Israel Foreign Ministry spokesman denied tonight that Prime Minister Levi Eshkol had sent special, personal letters to President Johnson in Washington and Gen. de Gaulle in Paris on the Syrian border crisis. Reports to the effect that Mr. Eshkol had made this direct contact with the two Western leaders had received considerable attention in Israel and abroad.

The spokesman said categorically that "no letters were sent to heads of state of other governments regarding the situation on the Syrian frontier. Representatives of Israel in various capitals, and, in particular, the capitals of states who are members of the Security Council, were instructed to approach the governments to which they are accredited and to clarify verbally, at the appropriate level, the views of the Prime Minister and the Foreign Minister of Israel with regard to the situation created by Syrian aggression.

"Our representatives," the spokesman added, "were asked to endeavor to ensure that Israel's position be brought to the personal attention of heads of governments and foreign ministers."

According to the earlier reports, Premier Eshkol told President Johnson and President de Gaulle that a dangerous situation had been created on Israel's border as a result of Syrian incidents. Mr. Eshkol was reported to have said also to the two Presidents that Israel's northern border security was becoming "intolerable" and that there was "a limit to Israel's patience." He assertedly advised the two Presidents that if the United Nations and the major powers failed to induce Syria to halt its anti-Israel attacks, Israel would have to take concrete measures to defend its territory, according to the circumstances and available means.

ISRAEL TO ASK WEST FOR NEW ARMS TO OFFSET U.S. SHIPMENTS TO JORDAN

JERUSALEM, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- Informed sources here said today that Israel would ask the major powers, particularly the United States, for additional defensive arms to offset the arms which the United States began to airlift to King Hussein of Jordan yesterday.

Israel, it was asserted, would await completion of the shipments to Jordan before drawing the attention of Western Powers to Israel's view that the new United States military aid to Jordan represented a break in security stability and to ask action to remedy the break.

Although the Jordan border has been generally calm in recent weeks, Israel was said to feel that all of its borders must be protected to an equal degree in view of the "fluidity" of the internal situations in Arab countries.

Gen. Yitzhak Rabin, the Israel Chief of Staff, declared today that the Israeli Army was "on the alert and ready for any possible attack" from Israel's foes. He expressed the hope that the Arabs would not push for a military confrontation with Israel.

The Chief of Staff made his remarks during an inspection of a parade of the Golani Brigade which concluded exercises in southern Israel.

American Airmen to Train Jordan Pilots on Starfighters

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- Government sources confirmed reports here today that United States Air Force personnel, including flying officers and maintenance crews, will soon arrive in Jordan to train Jordanian pilots in the use of American supersonic F-104 Starfighters which the United States agreed to supply to the Amman Government after Israel's retaliatory raid last November on the Jordanian village of Es Samu.

Report of the imminent arrival in Jordan of American military personnel was contained in a dispatch by Joe Alex Morris of the Los Angeles Times, which also described the unloading of military equipment for the Jordanian Army from U.S. C-130 cargo planes now in progress.

The United States agreed to provide the Starfighters to Jordan to relieve pressure on King Hussein from the Arab states to accept fighter planes from the Soviet Union. The imminent departure of the American training crews for Jordan indicates that the first deliveries of the aircraft will be well ahead of schedule.

ARAB STATES SEEK TO RENEW DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH WEST GERMANY

BONN, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- The Arab states have intensified their efforts to reestablish diplomatic relations with West Germany, it was learned here today. The Arab governments broke off diplomatic relations with West Germany when the Bonn Government exchanged envoys with Israel.

Yesterday, Hamdi Azzam, Arab League representative in West Germany, conveyed a message to the Foreign Ministry from Abdul Khalek Hassouna, secretary-general of the Arab League. While no details of the contents of the Hassouna message were officially released here, it was understood that the Arab League is now interested "in principle" to discuss Arab-German relations and will no longer press demands that West Germany end its diplomatic relations with Israel.

ARMY ENGINEERS AID ISRAEL TOWNS ISOLATED BY STORMS, FLOODS

TEL AVIV, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- Army engineers were sent into southern Israel today to build emergency bridges to communities cut off by rains, snow and floods in two days of winter storms.

Helicopters were ordered to stand by to handle emergency evacuations. Settlements cut off from contact included Talmei Yaffe and Geah. Snow fell during the night on the upper Galilee mountains and the weather bureau forecast snow today on the Judean Mountains.

ISRAELIS, DUTCH TO COOPERATE IN SEEKING TRADE WITH OTHER COUNTRIES

TEL AVIV, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- A 17-member trade delegation from the Netherlands negotiated an agreement with Israel today for cooperation between Israeli and Dutch firms for the supply of know-how and experts to third countries. The agreement also called for large-scale purchases of Israeli quality goods, mainly fashions, by Dutch firms.

The delegation concluded a 10-day visit to Israel today. Among its members were several purchasing directors for large Dutch firms.

MINISTRY MOVES TO IMPROVE QUALITY OF ISRAEL'S TOURIST SERVICES

JERUSALEM, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- The Israel Tourist Ministry announced today measures to improve service to tourists visiting the country. One of these will be establishment of "ethical committees" in the various tourist industries to police their industries, to hear charges and complaints and to take disciplinary actions.

Another measure gives the ministry the right to downgrade hotels and other tourist facilities for failure to maintain the quality of their service.

U.S. ENVOY REWARDS THREE HIGH SCHOOL VICTORS IN ESSAY COMPETITION

TEL AVIV, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- Three students of Israeli high schools won prizes today in an essay sponsored by the American Embassy. Walworth Barbour, the American Ambassador, presented prizes of 1,000 pounds (\$333) and 25 books to the three winners. The topic was "any American idea or institution that can be adopted effectively for modern Israeli needs."

ISRAELI YOUTH GROUPS DENOUNCE EMIGRATION AS 'DESERTION'

TEL AVIV, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- Youth groups of all parties in Israel, with the exception of Communists and the ultra-Orthodox Agudat Israel, signed a manifesto today against emigration from Israel, which rose sharply last year.

The manifesto condemned the departures, which it called "desertion in a time of trial."

ZOA HEAD SAYS ECONOMIC WOES HAVE NOT AFFECTED ISRAEL ARMY'S MORALE

NEW YORK, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- Jacques Torczyner, president of the Zionist Organization of America, who returned this week from a three-week visit to Israel, told a ZOA meeting here today that "the high morale of Israel's Defense Forces and its preparedness and resolve to repel aggression from any quarter, be it Syria, Jordan, or any other neighboring country serving as a base for terroristic operations against Israel, has not been affected in the slightest degree by the acute economic problems which the people of Israel are now grappling with."

Mr. Torczyner said that the fact of Israel's morale, preparedness and resolve "seems not to be reckoned with by some Arab neighboring states, particularly Syria, which continues its uninterrupted and persistent incursions into Israeli territory."

GERMAN NEO-NAZIS BID FOR PEASANT PARTY SUPPORT IN SAXONY ELECTIONS

BONN, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- Officials of the German Peasant Party said today in Hannover that they had met with a representative of the extremist National Democratic Party in an NDP effort to obtain peasant backing.

Peasant party leaders said that the NDP spokesman had promised support of the political aims of the peasant group if the peasants would in turn give "considerate treatment" to the NDP in the Parliamentary elections in Lower Saxony to be held in June. The NDP, which has been described as "neo-Nazi" by West German Interior Minister Paul Luecke, will present candidates in all 95 electoral districts in Lower Saxony in its bid for a third victory in West German state elections. The NDP won Parliamentary representation for the first time last November in Hesse and Bavaria.

EXPERT SAYS RATIO OF COMMUNIST JEWS IS BELOW POPULATION NORM

ROME, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- An Italian Jewish Senator who is a leading member of the Italian Communist Party declared in a lecture here that there was a smaller percentage of Jews in the various Communist movements than their percentage of the total population in the various countries with such movements.

Sen. Umberto Terracini, speaking at the Weizmann Club on Communism and the Jews, said that anti-Semites and Fascists have consistently linked Jews with Communism to discredit them. He declared that some Jews have turned to Communism because of their position as "an oppressed minority in search of a revolutionary liberation."

The Senator also again denounced the treatment of Russian Jews by the Soviet authorities. He had previously assailed the Soviet Government on that issue in an introduction he wrote for a recently-published collection of essays on Soviet Jews.

VANDALS DESECRATE MEXICO CITY JEWISH CEMETERY; DESTROY TOMBSTONES

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- More than a score of tombstones in the Jewish cemetery maintained here by Congregation Nidche Israel were desecrated over the past weekend. Gravestones were overturned, swastikas were smeared on a number of tombstones, and anti-Semitic slogans were painted on some of the monuments.

An official of the Mexico City police department sharply condemned the desecrations today and promised a thorough investigation in an effort to apprehend the perpetrators.

ISRAELI HITS USSR FOR ASSIMILATION POLICY FOR JEWISH MINORITY

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Jan. 19. (JTA) -- The Israeli expert on the United Nations Subcommittee on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, said today that the Soviet Union which had helped its Armenian minority fight assimilation on the principle that "assimilation means annihilation," followed a contrary policy with regard to its Jewish minority.

Judge Zeev W. Zeltner, in disregard of protocol, specifically named the Soviet Union as the country in which he charged discrimination. When he completed his indictment, Yevgeny Nassinovsky, the Soviet expert, took the floor to denounce him for having "slandered" the USSR in order to "cover up" Israel's "aggression" against the Arabs.

Judge Zeltner told the commission that assimilation of the Armenians had been described in the Soviet Union as "a white massacre." However, when it came to the Jewish minority, he pointed out, the assimilation of Soviet Jews was described officially as an "absolutely normal" development because in the Soviet Union, "where the Jews enjoy full equality, both legally and factually, their natural assimilation should be a permanent process taking place most intensively."

He asked "why was the assimilation of Armenians a crime whereas the assimilation of Jews is lauded as 'normal' and 'natural'? Why is not the possibility of Jewish assimilation described ominously as 'a white massacre' as is Armenian assimilation?"

Judge Zeltner said that Jews could attain high place in the Soviet Union, "provided they are willing to forego their national culture" and he noted a "slight improvement" regarding the Yiddish language but Jewish education, he stressed "whether in Yiddish, Hebrew or Russian, is still non-existent and without education, a whole civilization, the future of an entire people, threatened with extinction."

The Israeli jurist cited the promise made by Premier Kosygin, in Paris on December 3, that the Soviet Union would not interfere with emigration of Russian Jews who wished to be reunited with family members in other countries. The jurist expressed the hope that "this statement will be implemented."

RECONSTRUCTIONIST ORGAN CONDEMNS ADMINISTRATION'S VIET NAM STAND

NEW YORK, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- The Reconstructionist, organ of the Reconstructionist movement, declared editorially today that it opposed the Administration's Viet Nam policy and called on President Johnson and the Pentagon "to concentrate upon ending the war rather than winning it."

Chief editor Rabbi Emanuel S. Goldsmith, assistant editor, said the editorial reflected the collective opinion of the publication's editorial board which is composed of Dr. Mordecai M. Kaplan, founder of the Reconstructionist movement; Rabbi Ira Eisenstein, editor, and Rabbi Goldsmith. The editorial was the first in which the publication took a stand on the issue. Previously, it had staunchly defended the right of others to voice dissent from official policy.

The editorial charged that the war was being waged without a formal declaration, as required by law. It asserted that the war aims had not been revealed to the people, who were expected to participate in it and support it, and it charged that "in the prosecution of the war, American leaders have concealed the truth so often that their word is no longer to be relied upon." The editorial also pointed out, in listing objections to present Viet Nam policy, that "reliance upon use of military force defeats itself."

PRESS, LEADERS TELL MAYOR WHO SPONSORED JEW-BAITER TO RESIGN

WINNIPEG, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- Newspapers in this area today had given strong editorial support to demands by political leaders that Mayor J.H. Belows of nearby Assiniboia resign or apologize for having lent his sponsorship to a meeting featuring a speaker described by the Canadian Jewish Congress as a promoter of "hate propaganda and racism."

Belows had presided at a meeting which presented a tape-recorded message from Ron Gostick, publisher of the "Canadian Intelligence Service." According to the Canadian Jewish Congress, Gostick has accused the Jewish people of being "warmongers, Christ-killers, revolutionaries, Communists and international bankers." Mayor Belows, however, faced with demands for his resignation from members of his own town council, insisted that Gostick was not an anti-Semite. Jewish leaders and Winnipeg Jewish newspapers strongly criticized the mayor's stand.

The Winnipeg Free Press, leading Manitoba daily, said that Mayor Belows had the choice of resigning or recanting.

FCC REJECTS BID TO WITHDRAW LICENSE FROM ANTI-SEMITIC BROADCASTER

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- The Federal Communications Commission announced today that it had denied petitions from a group of organizations engaged in fighting discrimination to reconsider an earlier ruling extending the license of Radio Station KTYM of Inglewood, Calif. The station had been accused of broadcasting false and defamatory material of an anti-Semitic nature. The FCC held earlier that the station had fulfilled its obligations by offering radio time for reply to those mentioned in its broadcasts.

The American Jewish Committee, the American Civil Liberties Union and the United Church of Christ were associated with the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith which had initiated the action against the station. Their petitions to the FCC took the position that the station had "an affirmative duty" to screen out material encouraging religious prejudices and that the offer of time to reply did not meet the requirement for balanced programming of controversial issues.

CHRISTIANS PROTEST ANTI-JEWISH INCIDENT IN CANADIAN TOWN

TORONTO, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- There are only a few Jewish families living in the town of Milton, 40 miles from here, but an anti-Semitic episode has created a furor unequaled in the town's recent history.

Councilman Ross Gordon of Milton was elected Reeve (sheriff) of Nassagawaya Township in a heated campaign. His opponent was Allan Ackman, a Jew. The word was spread around that Mr. Gordon told voters at an election rally: "Vote for anyone, but don't vote for that Jew!"

A score or more of Milton residents, angered by this alleged display of intolerance, picketed the Nassagawaya Township Building, wearing Star of David armbands and carrying protest placards. One placard read: "Jesus Couldn't Qualify for Reeve. He, Too, Was Jewish."

After the pickets paraded for an hour, a delegation entered the Council chambers and its spokesman, W.A. Johnson, told Mr. Gordon that he owed the taxpayers an apology for having raised religious issues in the election. Mr. Gordon denied the statement attributed to him. He had, he said, been asked whether Mr. Ackman was Jewish and "I said I thought he was. I don't believe I said anything wrong. I think the people owe me an apology."

Mr. Ackman told reporters that he didn't know whether or not the fact that he was Jewish had been raised. "If it was," he commented, "it shouldn't have been."