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### U.N. ADJOURNS 2nd ISRAELI-SYRIAN MEET AS DAMASCUS STALLS ON TALKS

MAHANAYIM, Israel, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- The Israel-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission held its second session today in response to United Nations Secretary-General U Thant's appeal to settle differences threatening large-scale warfare between the two countries. The meeting was held at this kibbutz on the Israel side of the frontier, in northern Galilee.

Lt. Gen. Odd Bull, Chief of Staff of the U.N. Truce Supervision Organization, who was chairman of the session, adjourned the meeting when he learned that the Syrians had failed to bring specific proposals with them and did not care to reply to proposals put forward by the Israel delegation at the first session last Wednesday. Gen. Bull called for another meeting on Thursday, and urged the Syrians to bring practical proposals with them at that time.

At the start of today's session, Gen. Bull deplored the laying of a mine inside Israel territory near the Syrian border, which was discovered on Friday. He blamed the Syrians for the incident by implication only, but he did not state specifically that the act was an infringement of the undertaking by both sides to keep the peace, agreed upon at the last session and issued as a United Nations communique.

Several times during today's meeting, Gen. Bull interrupted the senior Syrian delegate who had launched a long harangue disputing Israel's right to be present in the demilitarized zones in their own territory near the border. The UNTSC Chief of Staff asked the Syrian not to raise matters not on the agenda.

### Israelis Voice Pessimism; Maximum Security Guards Syrian Delegates

This morning's meeting had opened under a heavy cloud of pessimism brought about by last week's new mine-laying incident, and the statement in Damascus by the Syrian Minister of Information, calling on the United Nations to force Israel out of the demilitarized zones in her own territory.

Israel had decided to attend the meeting in spite of serious reservations that her attendance might be interpreted as accepting the Syrian thesis that Damascus should not halt terrorist infiltration into Israel while the talks were under way. Israeli circles felt, however, that Israel might have to accept responsibility for breaking up the talks if she failed to attend. The Israeli view of the situation with regard to the ISMAC sessions is that, unless the Syrians come up with practical proposals, the meetings will be discontinued, since it will be shown that the Syrians are not interested in any reduction of tensions along the border.

Today's meeting opened here at 10:30 this morning. A number of tents had been erected to house the Israeli and Syrian delegations as well as the United Nations Truce Observers and technical staff. The meeting compound had been surrounded by barbed wire, and special security precautions had been taken by the Israel Army and police. All traffic in the vicinity of the compound had been halted for one hour before the start of the meeting, to ensure the safety of the Syrian delegation.

### Two More Land Mines, One Near Syria, Found by Israelis

TEL AVIV, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- Just two days after last week's extraordinary meeting of the Syrian-Israeli Mixed Armistice Commission, at which Syria and Israel pledged efforts to prevent acts of violence against each other, a freshly-laid mine was found on a patrol track near the Syrian border. An Israeli communique said that an anti-vehicle mine was found and dismantled Friday near the Syrian positions of Tel Azzaziat and Nabi Huda. Tracks of one man, in both directions, were found.

Political observers said the new mine might indicate a desire by the Syrians to decline responsibility for the activities in Israel of El Fatah and other Arab terrorist groups. The observers cited the refusal of Syrian authorities to accept the body of a marauder who was apparently killed while planting mines near Dishon. They said that refusal could be another

indication of Syrian rejection of responsibility for Arab terrorist group activity. After the Syrians declined to accept the body, plans were made to inter it in a Moslem cemetery in Israel.

In the South of Israel, in the Beth Jubrin area, near Jordan, another landmine apparently laid by Arab infiltrators, was found by the Israelis today and dismantled without harm. Israel filed a complaint with the Israeli-Jordanian Mixed Armistice Commission. The mine is believed to have been placed at the spot several days ago but showed up today because recent heavy rains had eroded some of the earth in which the explosive had been planted.

#### COMAY COMPLAINS TO SECURITY COUNCIL AND THANT; SYRIA RENEGES AGAIN

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Jan. 29. (JTA) -- In a letter to the Security Council and at a personal meeting between Israel Ambassador Michael S. Comay and Secretary-General U Thant, Israel complained here this weekend that Syria is continuing to aggravate the Israeli-Syrian border situation by permitting Arab terrorists to plant landmines in Israeli territory.

Mr. Comay noted that the latest case, discovered Friday at a spot only 600 yards from the Syrian border, the eighth instance of mine-laying in that particular area since September. He pointed out that "what makes the latest case even graver is that it has taken place after the commencement of the extraordinary session of the Israeli-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission." The Israeli letter to the Security Council was sent for the record, but did not request a Council meeting.

Meanwhile, the Syrian mission here issued a statement echoing insistence by the official Syrian Government radio at Damascus, which reneged on the Syrian-Israeli agreement at last week's ISMAC session to respect and observe the cease-fire between the two countries. The Syrians here labeled such reports -- issued in a U.N. communique -- as propaganda.

#### ITALIANS END SEARCH FOR SUNKEN ISRAELI SHIP; 22 LOST IN CATASTROPHE

NAPLES, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- Efforts to locate possible survivors of the capsized 1,350-ton Israeli freighter, Hashlosa, have been discontinued by the Italian Navy, it was announced by the Admiralty Operations office here today.

The vessel, with 22 aboard, including 20 crew members, of whom 15 were Israelis, and two women, apparently sank in the Mediterranean last week. Italian search and rescue operations were called off after two overturned life boats and some debris belonging to the Israeli vessel, were found near the island of Ponza, west of Naples. No bodies were found.

Engaged in the search, in addition to the Italian Navy, were the Italian Air Force, units of the United States Sixth Fleet, and the Israeli ship Moledet. The capsized freighter was on its way to France, after unloading a cargo of cement in Sicily.

#### USSR CHARGES GERMAN RISE IN ANTI-SEMITISM, NEO-NAZISM, MILITARISM

LONDON, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- The Foreign Ministry of the Soviet Union charged officially today that "hardly a day passes without some Nazi or anti-Semitic outburst" in West Germany. Moscow made this accusation in notes delivered to the Moscow Embassies of the British, American, French and West German governments, according to reports received here. The note delivered to the German Government was accompanied by demands that it "take appropriate measures to cut short the activities of neo-Nazi and militarist forces."

The USSR charged West Germany with laying the foundation for a nuclear missile industry and warned that "meetings, demonstrations and torch processions are held in West German cities that bear striking likeness to the Nazi gatherings of the thirties." This was a reference to the period preceding Hitler's rise to power. "Who can guarantee, in these conditions," the note asked, "that some new Hitler will not appear in West Germany, and armed with nuclear weapons to boot?"

Successes of the ultra-rightist National Democratic Party in recent elections in Hesse and Bavaria were also cited by Moscow as a cause for alarm. The notes indicate that the Soviet Union felt its wartime allies had a major responsibility for the rise of neo-Nazism in West Germany.

#### SOVIET WRITER OPENLY DEMANDS THAT MORE YIDDISH BOOKS BE PUBLISHED

NEW YORK, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- For the first time in recent years, a Soviet Ukrainian writer publicly called for the publication of books in the Yiddish language, it was revealed in the latest issue of the Digest of the Soviet Press, published here in English.

The publication contained excerpts of a speech by Yuri Smolich, a Ukrainian author, who denounced the failure to print books by authors writing in Yiddish and other languages of Soviet Ukraine. He compared the present lack with the situation before World War II, when the Ukraine had a special publication house for issuing books in languages of minorities.

ADL HEAD URGES FRESH VIEW ON JEWISH STAND ON STATE-CHURCH ISSUE

NEW YORK, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- Dore Schary, chairman of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, called upon the ADL here today to reexamine its traditionally strong stand regarding the principle of the separation of church from state, especially as that issue relates to education.

Mr. Schary made that proposal in addressing the 54th annual meeting of its national commissioners, which opened Friday and is scheduled to conclude its policy-making deliberations tomorrow. Other principal matters before the current session included a major address by Philip M. Klutznick, honorary president of B'nai B'rith; Benjamin R. Epstein, ADL national director; Arnold R. Forster, ADL general counsel; a report showing that the Ku Klux Klan has increased its strength in the South in the last year from 20,000 members to 50,000; and another report disclosing that Mexico City has now become the center for the publication and widespread Latin American distribution of anti-Semitic books in Spanish.

The ADL chairman said that the educational needs of the country demand an inspection of the U.S. Jewish position on state-church relations today because an educational church-state alliance might produce fewer dangers than those "inherent in perpetuating poverty by failing to provide those educational services whereby today's children will be equipped to earn a living as adults."

"Our goals and our methods," he stated, "are free of religious bigotry. While we believe that free universal public education is intrinsic to the creation of a just society, we recognize and have always supported the right of any religious group to establish and maintain schools of a parochial nature. The Constitutional separation of church and state has served us too well as a nation and as a religious people for us to dispense with it lightly or easily to tolerate any threat to its continuing; this does not mean, however, that we are unwilling to explore, to talk, to understand and to act, if action is indeed indicated."

Klutznick Sees Social Welfare Expansion Reshaping Jewish Programs

Mr. Klutznick, former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, who, in addition to being honorary president of B'nai B'rith, is also honorary vice-president of the ADL, told the commissioners that the expanded role of government in social welfare fields will do as much to reshape the programs of Jewish voluntary organizations in America as did the European holocaust and the rebirth of Israel. He held that "dramatic shifts" in government responsibility make necessary "an intelligent, independent probing of realities and potentials" for non-government agencies.

Declaring that the "proudest boasts" of the Jewish community have been the quantity and quality of its communal services -- hospitals, medical care, child care, problems of the elderly and mental health -- he said the new and enormous role of government in these fields will release voluntary funds for use in other areas. The next 25 years, Mr. Klutznick said, will provide the American Jewish community with an opportunity to redistribute its resources and energies toward creating "the most meaningful religious, cultural and special educational activities for Jews that history has ever known."

Questioning the depth of advancement in Jewish religious culture and education, Mr. Klutznick noted that one of the principal deterrents to greater development has been the priority accorded to physical survival. With that priority lifted, he said, Jewish voluntary organizations can concentrate more on Jewish education for youth, the training of much needed teachers and youth leaders, and the creation of curricula attuned to modern Jewish needs.

"It is demeaning to the essence and moral values of Judaism," he declared, "to countenance the idea that Judaism will be lost in a new freedom from civil oppression and economic disadvantage." Such prophets of doom, however, force Jews to think and to act on how to achieve "the greatest degree of progress which tomorrow offers," Mr. Klutznick stated.

The commissioners heard addresses by U.S. Sen. Jacob K. Javits and New York State Supreme Court Justice J. Irwin Shapiro, and, tonight, presented its America's Democratic Legacy Award to Under Secretary of State Nicholas deB. Katzenbach.

Spanish-Language Hate Books Come from Mexico; Sold in N. Y., Miami

The report on the establishment of anti-Semitic printing and hate literature distribution centers in Mexico City and environs was given by Moses Kove, chairman of the ADL's foreign relations committee. Many of those anti-Semitic works, in addition to being distributed throughout Latin America, are being stocked and sold in sizable quantities among Spanish-speaking customers in New York and Miami, he said.

Mr. Kove said that several of the anti-Semitic books portray Communism as a "Jewish plot" and that it was believed that the anti-Communist feelings of the refugees, rather than anti-Semitism as such, accounted for the interest. New York booksellers also reported a

preponderance of Cuban buyers for these books. He reported that New Orleans, Los Angeles and Chicago reputedly are also distribution centers for the thriving book business. He said one of the best sellers in New York is a 700-page book "World Defeat," by Salvador Borreggo, a Mexican, which charges a Jewish conspiracy in international affairs. It shows reliance of the notorious Protocols of the Elders of Zion, which is also being sold here under a Spanish title.

The report on the KKK's growth was given by Mr. Schary, who disclosed that "the most alarming growth" in Klan membership took place in Virginia, which in the last year increased its membership by 750 percent; in Georgia, where the increase totaled 175 percent; and in Alabama, which had upped its KKK membership 100 percent since the beginning of last summer. Mr. Forster warned that para-military groups in the United States are training would-be assassins and plotting armed enforcement of their "violent racial and political doctrines."

Mr. Epstein told the commissioners that city clubs were moving with the times in eliminating religious bias, but that country clubs persisted in their "incrusted bigotry." He compared a 1962 sampling of 1,152 city and country clubs with a newly-completed re-sampling. He reported that 505 country clubs restricted or barred Jews four years ago, and 498 continued to do so now.

#### 'LANDSMANSCHAFTEN' OPEN DRIVE FOR \$2,000,000 IN U.J.A. CAMPAIGN

NEW YORK, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- Five hundred leaders in fraternal and benevolent societies today initiated a drive for \$2,000,000 as their organizations' share of the funds to be raised by the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York in 1967. This was a major action of the 29th annual meeting of the New York UJA's Council of Organizations, held here. Israel's Ambassador to the United States, Avraham Harman, was guest speaker at the meeting.

The Council adopted a resolution urging landsmanschaften to provide this year -- in addition to their support of the 1967 UJA campaign -- \$1,000,000 toward the \$3,000,000 construction cost of the House of World Jewry being established in Tel Aviv, in part as a memorial to the European Jewish communities destroyed by the Nazis during World War II. Many of the landsmanschaften affiliated with New York UJA's Council of Organizations had their origin in those communities.

#### HARMAI SIGNS 'SPACE FOR PEACE' TREATY IN WHITE HOUSE CEREMONIES

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- Israel was among the many nations which participated in the White House ceremony marking the signing of the Space for Peace agreement this weekend. Israel Ambassador Avraham Harman signed the document in behalf of his Government. (The Israeli Ambassador to Britain also signed the treaty in ceremonies held simultaneously in London.)

Yesterday, Ambassador Harman transmitted a message of condolence from Prime Minister Levi Eshkol to President Johnson, mourning the death of the three American astronauts. Mr. Eshkol cabled: "The death of these three courageous astronauts is a grievous blow to the whole world."

#### LOUIS KAHN, HIGH FRENCH NAVAL OFFICER, JEWISH LEADER, DEAD AT 71

PARIS, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- Louis Kahn, 71, former chief of engineering of the French Navy, and president of the Jewish Consistoire of France, died here Friday. Mr. Kahn had been ousted from his naval post with the advent of the Vichy Government, and joined the Free French forces under Gen. Charles deGaulle in 1942 in London, where he worked with the Allies on antisubmarine warfare. He directed the postwar salvaging of the French fleet and bases while serving as Gen. deGaulle's chief of naval construction.

A graduate of the Ecole Polytechnique, Mr. Kahn held several posts for scientific research. When he retired, he was Secretary-General of the Armed Forces in charge of technical and financial coordination of military programs. As president of the Jewish Consistoire, he headed the representative body of the entire French Jewish community. For his distinguished services to the French nation, he received the French Legion of Honor award.

#### BEHOR SHITREET, ISRAEL'S EX-MINISTER OF POLICE, DIES AT AGE OF 72

JERUSALEM, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- Funeral services will be held here tomorrow for Behor Shitreet, Israel's first Minister of Police, who died of a heart attack yesterday. Mr. Shitreet, who was 72, stepped down from his Government post four months ago, after serving uninterruptedly in all governments since the rebirth of Israel in 1948.

Born in Tiberias, of a Moroccan family, Mr. Shitreet began his career as a police inspector in his native city. He rose to assistant superintendent under the British regime, the highest rank a Palestine native could then attain. In 1935, he became a magistrate, and rose to chief magistrate when the British mandate over Palestine ended in 1948.