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## GEN. BULL ASSURES ISRAEL NEXT MEET WITH SYRIA WILL STICK TO AGENDA

JERUSALEM, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- Gen. Odd Bull, Chief of Staff of the U.N. Truce Supervision Organization, assured Israel last night that the next meeting of the Israeli-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission, to be held Thursday, would not depart from the agreed agenda and would not consider other issues that may be raised by Syria. This assurance was given by Gen. Bull to Israel Foreign Minister Abba Eban, at the Ministry. Eban stressed Israel's objection to Syria's attempt, at the last session of the commission, to raise such questions as the occupation of the demilitarized zone.

When Israel and Syria agreed to the extraordinary session of the dormant Israeli-Syria Mixed Armistice Commission, first proposed by Gen. Bull and subsequently summoned formally by United Nations Secretary-General U Thant, a strict, one-item agenda was drawn up for the talks. Under that agenda, both sides were to discuss only land cultivation and cultivation rights in the demilitarized zones between the two countries. However, at the last meeting, on Sunday -- the second of the series, thus far -- Syria raised various other issues, all affecting Israel's sovereignty over the disputed areas.

The agenda was based largely on the so-called Vor Horn line of 1961, in which the then UNTSO chief of staff outlined cultivation limits between the two countries. Syrian border gunners regularly shoot at Israeli farmers cultivating in the area. Israel's position was a willingness to allow Syrian farmers to enter the zones and work some plots, as long as full Israeli sovereignty over the areas was recognized. Syria has refused on grounds that this would amount to recognition of Israel.

Lt. Gen. Bull was slated to leave today for Damascus to be near the site of the next meeting, which will be held at the Syrian end of the B'not Yaakov bridge. He was also expected to discuss the meeting with Syrian leaders.

## ISRAELI CABINET GROUP STUDIES STRONGER SUPERVISION OVER BANKS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- A special ministerial committee today began a study of proposed amendments to the banking laws, to strengthen the Government supervisory powers over financial institutions.

The committee is believed to have convened as a consequence of the discovery of alleged irregularities in the management of Feuchtwanger's bank, a private institution which recently took over Ellern's, another private bank.

Two of the bank's arrested directors were held for a further hearing by a Tel Aviv magistrate today at the request of the police department. Meanwhile, a third director has been arrested, and is due to appear before a magistrate.

## EBAN SEES EEC RULING ON ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP READY BY NEXT SUMMER

JERUSALEM, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- The Permanent Commission for the European Economic Community is expected to submit its recommendations within two months regarding Israel's application for associate EEC membership, Foreign Minister Abba Eban said here today.

A ruling on the application, Mr. Eban said, would probably be made in the summer, when Israel's trade treaties with the EEC expire. The Foreign Minister did not speculate on whether or not Israel will be accepted, but he expressed satisfaction at the spirit of understanding displayed by representatives of the Community during the recent discussion of the issue with Israeli delegates to the Commission meetings in Brussels.

## ESHKOL PREDICTS EXPANDED JEWISH IMMIGRATION FROM WESTERN COUNTRIES

JERUSALEM, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- Expanded immigration from the West is now urgent, Prime Minister Levi Eshkol told a rally last night marking the 20th anniversary of the Jewish Agency's institute for youth leaders abroad. The Premier said that, although Israel could not compete with most Western nations in terms of affluence, he felt that Jewish youth in those countries, "motivated by idealism," would respond to the challenge of Israel's needs.

HIGH BRITISH OFFICIAL SAYS ISRAEL'S EXISTENCE CUTS ANTI-SEMITISM

LONDON, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- Richard Crossman, a leading member of the Labor Party's House of Commons majority, and Lord President of the Privy Council, told members of the Pioneer Women here last night that "Israel's existence has reduced anti-Semitism everywhere." The old forms of anti-Jewish activity, he said, now seem remote in England. He was among the principal speakers at the annual dinner of the women's Labor Zionist group. Other speakers included Isaiah Anug, Israel Minister to Britain; and Ian Mikardo, also a Labor member of Parliament.

According to Mr. Crossman, the problem of "dual loyalties," which once troubled sections of diaspora Jewry, is now one which faces actually only the Israeli Jews. England and Israel, Mr. Crossman said, now exhibit many similarities, "even in their relations with the United States, which are different from those of other nations."

Turning to Arab-Israel relations, the British author-statesman said: "Bevin destroyed the possibility of peaceful relations between Jews and Arabs. Now Israel is justified in looking at the present Labor Government with a certain amount of suspicion. Only if Israel is strong can peace be maintained in the Middle East, and therefore steady assistance to Israel will keep the peace in that region."

Mr. Anug told the women's group that "perhaps Israel's most difficult problem lies inside rather than on her frontiers. The economic crisis is a crisis of growth. Nevertheless, it is a serious crisis. But it is comforting to see that the Jewish people as a whole consider the State of Israel as their collective responsibility."

150 RABAT JEWISH COMMUNITY LEADERS SEEK REVISION OF OFFICIAL BODY

RABAT, Morocco, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- Leading Moroccan Jews presented a petition today to Gov. Oen Bouchaib, requesting the formation of a new Jewish committee to resolve "the numerous problems besetting the Jewish community." They presented to the city's governor a letter voicing that request, signed by the heads of 150 Jewish families. Among the signers were Salomon Ben-Sabat, counsellor of the Moroccan Supreme Court; Prof. Albert Sasson, head of the science faculty at Rabat University; and former Jewish Committee president Ben-Simon.

Some leading members of the Jewish community here contend that the present Jewish Committee, headed by Meyer Obadia, does not enjoy Jewish community confidence, claiming that Jewish cultural affairs are being neglected. There is a move under way for the replacement of Mr. Obadia by another prominent Jewish personality here, Jacob Banon.

KEREN HAYESOD IN FRANCE RAISES 3,500,000 FRANCS, TOPS 1965 BY 15%

PARIS, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- The French section of Keren Hayesod, fund-raising arm of the World Zionist Organization, raised last year a total of 3,500,000 francs -- the equivalent of \$750,000 -- it was reported here last night at the organization's annual national conference. The total achieved in 1965 was 3,000,000 francs -- showing a 15 percent increase for 1966.

Although no comprehensive estimate of anticipated income and expenditures for 1967 was presented the fund directors predicted they would spend less this year than last for local work and organizational expenses. The latter accounted for 25 percent of last year's expenditures. Participants in the two-day conference included Israel's Ambassador to France, Walter Eytan, and Chief Rabbi Jacob Kaplan.

ISRAELIS HONOR 42 DUTCH SAVIORS OF JEWS DURING WORLD WAR II PERIOD

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- Netherlands Foreign Minister Joseph Luns attended ceremonies at the residence of Israel Ambassador Daniel Lewin here today in which 42 Dutch resistance fighters were honored by Yad Vashem, the Israel center for the documentation of the Nazi holocaust. The 42 were honored for saving the lives of hundreds of Jews during the Second World War. They hid and saved the Jews at the risk of their own lives. In citing the Dutch heroes for their efforts on behalf of Jews, Dr. Lewin told Dr. Luns: "No people acted better towards the Jews than your people."

LEADER OF GERMAN FARMERS UNION THREATENS TO SUPPORT NEO-NAZI NDP

BONN, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- Leaders of the dominant Christian Democrat and Socialist parties, which constitute the West German Government coalition, and have been receiving the support of German farmers and peasants, expressed shock today over a threat by the Farmers Union that the members of the farmers' group would support the neo-Nazi National Democratic Party in retaliation for the Government's decision to reduce agricultural subsidies due to budget difficulties.

Edmund Rehwinkel, who threatened last week to support the NDP, reiterated his stand on a network radio program last night. He said: "I would not regard it as a bad thing if a few hundred thousand farmers and their workers chose the NDP."

GERMAN NEO-NAZISM PROTESTED BY CITY-WIDE GROUPS IN TORONTO ACTION

TORONTO, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- Many of this city's prominent civic and religious organizations and leaders endorsed a statement delivered today to the Toronto German Consulate which calls upon the Bonn Government to strengthen democratic institutions and to reeducate the German people politically.

Presentation of the statement climaxed a rally held last night in the Toronto Coliseum, attended by 6,000 people, to denounce the rise of neo-Nazi forces in Germany. The gathering was called to protest a Canadian Broadcasting Corporation program of an interview taped in Germany that featured Adolf von Thadden, deputy chairman of the National Democratic Party, a neo-Nazi group.

Endorsers of the statement given to the German Consulate included the Toronto Anglican Diocese, Canadian-Polish Congress, Canadian Jewish Congress, Czechoslovakian groups, Toronto's mayor and ex-mayor, Canadian Legion officials, and well-known professors, clergymen and labor leaders.

The mass meeting last night was organized by the Metropolitan Toronto Citizens Committee Concerned with Neo-Nazism in West Germany, headed by a labor leader, Eamon Park, and a Jewish Congress leader, Louis Herman. Speakers included a Cabinet Minister, Jean Marchand, and two members of Parliament.

David Lewis, deputy leader of the new Canadian Democratic Party, while emphasizing the value of public broadcasts of important issues and of political "non-intervention," severely attacked the CBC von Thadden interview as a "misuse of freedom and a device for offering misinformation, not fact." The broadcast, he charged, presented von Thadden as a man who "loved dogs and children, a characteristic attributed to a number of Nazi murderers."

Immigration and Manpower Minister Marchand recalled von Thadden's expressions of "regret" for the atrocities committed by the Nazi regime. He said Canadian laws would be revised to bar extremists from the country.

Bronfman Questions Pertinence of Radio Forum for von Thadden

Meanwhile, Samuel Bronfman, chairman of the CJC board of governors, and World Jewish Congress vice-president, assailed today the Canadian broadcasting system for giving von Thadden a forum. "It is pertinent to ask," Mr. Bronfman said, "why von Thadden so anxiously wishes to speak in places like France, the United Kingdom, the United States and Canada. Why does he seek a platform?"

Mr. Bronfman added: "We would have no complaint about a program presented in depth and in perspective which examines the resurgence of political extremism of a Nazi type in West Germany. But we do take serious objection to a program built around the figure and personality of Adolf von Thadden."

NDP Brings Court Action on 'Discriminations' by Trade Unions

BONN, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- The National Democratic Party, the neo-Nazi group that recently scored impressive elections gains in Bavaria and Hesse, has instituted a test case to establish the right of its members to belong to trade unions.

The party maintains that unions should not be permitted to make political differentiations among members. Some unions maintain they will not accept non-democratic elements. A leader of the powerful German Clothing Workers Union announced last week that his organization has expelled four members because they had joined the NDP.

ANNE FRANK 'DIARY' FIGURES IN GERMAN TRIAL OF 3 NAZI SS OFFICERS

MUNICH, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- "The Diary of Anne Frank" was introduced in court yesterday at the trial of Wilhelm Zoepf, Gen. Wilhelm Harster and Gertrud Slotke, former SS officers who are charged with the murder of Dutch Jews deported to Nazi concentration camps.

Harster told the court that two groups of over 700 Dutch Jews, aged 18 to 35, whom he had sent to the Mauthausen camp in 1941, had been destined for extermination. Zoepf, who was questioned by an American attorney, Robert Kempner, appearing in behalf of Otto Frank, Anne Frank's father, said that, among the Jews sent to Germany, 48 percent were women and 22 percent children because his office "wanted to keep families together." Zoepf also said that every time he saw Anne Frank's picture on the cover of her book "it was terrible for me."

Harster was the officer in charge of deporting to concentration camps 94,398 Jews from Holland, including Anne Frank. Only 1,070 survived. He was commander of the Nazi security police in occupied Holland. Zoepf was his principal aide and Gertrud Slotke, his secretary and director of the women's division of the deportation project.

SECULAR JEWISH LEADERS RAPPED BY RABBI FOR INTERFAITH DIALOGUES

LAKEWOOD, N.J., Jan. 31. (JTA) -- A top official of the Rabbinical Council of America, national organization of Orthodox rabbis, sharply attacked leaders of Jewish secular organizations today for engaging in religious doctrinal dialogues with the Christian community as a threat to the "unity and loyalties of the Jewish community."

Rabbi Zev Segal, first vice-president of the Council told more than 500 delegates to the organization's special religious convocation here that the secular leaders are "incompetent and unqualified to undertake such dialogues which, he charged, are a "disservice and damaging and undermine the religious commitment and the religious individualism which has characterized the Jewish community in its entire existence."

Secular agencies, he said, "must cease this practice." He urged them to "seek proper religious guidance in the selection of topics which are permissible and desirable," and admonished them "at all costs, to avoid involvement in theological doctrinal issues."

Rabbi Segal denied the contention of the secular agencies that a dialogue on the religious level is either necessary or effective in creating good relations between the religious communities. "On the contrary," he said, "it tends to divide them still further when sensitive areas of beliefs are touched." He emphasized that such dialogues would not result in a better understanding and good will between the Jewish and Christian religious communities.

400 RABBIS, JEWISH LAYMEN JOIN WASHINGTON PROTEST ON VIET NAM WAR

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- Approximately 400 rabbis and Jewish laymen joined more than 2,000 Protestants and Catholics here today as part of a two-day vigil protesting the Government's role in the war in Viet Nam. The mobilization, organized by the Committee of Clergy and Laymen Concerned About Viet Nam, demonstrated outside the White House in the form of a silent one-hour vigil at noon, and then proceeded in a march to the Capitol. Many of the clergymen visited their Congressmen and Senators and presented to them a 3,000-word document defining the concerns and dilemmas about the Southeast Asia conflict which the group adopted in principle.

Jewish leaders who were present included: Rabbi Jacob J. Weinstein, president, Central Conference of American Rabbis; Rabbi Abraham Heschel, Jewish Theological Seminary; Morris Laub, United Synagogue of America; Rabbi Henry Siegman, Synagogue Council of America; and Rabbi Balfour Brickner, Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

SECRETARY OF INTERIOR UDALL EXPLAINS WHY HE IS NOT TO VISIT ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- Secretary of the Interior Stewart Udall, who is leaving on Thursday for a tour of Middle Eastern countries, denied here today explanations by State Department officials that Israel is not on his itinerary because Israel failed to invite him. Replying to a query from Rep. Seymour Halpern, New York Republican, Mr. Udall said: "There is only one reason why I am not planning to go to Israel, and that is that the status of our cooperative efforts with Israel does not require it." In his letter to Mr. Udall, Rep. Halpern also took exception to reports that the Saudi Arabian Government had told the Interior Secretary that he would be unwelcome if he visited Israel on the same journey.

Mr. Udall said that "there is little to be gained by my visiting Israel" before Ambassador Ellsworth Bunker reported on the findings of his trip to Israel last fall in connection with a desalting plant project which the United States is considering financing for Israel.

TWIN CITY CONSERVATIVE RABBIS ENDORSE CHANGE IN LAW ON ABORTIONS

MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- Four Conservative rabbis from the Minneapolis-St. Paul area joined in a statement here today expressing themselves in favor of a bill introduced in the Minnesota Legislature, modifying the state's existing abortion law. The bill would permit abortion when pregnancy resulted from incest, or when there was grave danger to the mental or physical health of the mother, or where pregnancy probably would result in a child suffering a grave mental or physical deformity.

The four spiritual leaders -- Rabbis Kassel Abelson, Arnold Goodman, Bernard Raskas and Moshe Sachs -- declared in the statement: "Our reason for permitting the legal termination of pregnancy grows out of the time-honored Jewish view that, while a living organism is created at the moment of conception, personhood, or existence as a human being, commences at the moment of birth. For a variety of reasons, we oppose the absolute right to abort, but we affirm Judaism's view that abortion in certain instances is religiously justified."