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### ISRAEL ACCUSES U.N., MAJOR POWERS OF FAILING TO HALT SYRIAN ACTIONS

JERUSALEM, Feb. 12. (JTA) -- Joseph Tekoah, director-general of the Israeli Foreign Ministry, asserted here last night that the "failure" of the United Nations and the major powers to act to discourage Syrian aggression was contributing to current Middle East tensions.

Mr. Tekoah, who is chief adviser to Israel's delegation to the current extraordinary session of the Israeli-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission, made the charge in a speech at the Commercial Club. The MAC session, the first in eight years, was arranged at the initiative of U.N. Secretary-General U Thant, who stepped in when Syrian-Israeli border tensions reached a dangerous level last month. The fourth meeting of the MAC session, scheduled for February 9, was postponed until February 16 at the request of Syria.

Mr. Tekoah declared that, as long as the U.N. was unable to guarantee Israel's rights in accordance with the U.N. Charter and prevent Arab attacks, the U.N. was not entitled, either morally or juridically, to criticize Israel's actions in defense of its independence and territorial integrity.

The Foreign Ministry official also expressed the belief that U.N. resolutions with an anti-Israel character might be contrary to the U.N. Charter, which guarantees equal rights to all member states. He expressed "deep regret" that the major powers, particularly those with close links to Syria, were not using those ties to counsel the Syrian regime to moderation in its attitude toward Israel. By such lack of action, he declared, these powers indirectly contributed to Arab aggression and border tension.

### Talks Seen as Important, Resulting in Some Border Tranquility

He declared that the MAC talks, even though they may not ultimately reach a successful conclusion, have nevertheless been highly important. He said that, at first, the talks had shown that the Syrian regime was capable, if and when it wished to do so, to control its border with Israel to halt infiltrations by Arab guerrillas. He noted that the talks also had brought about a joint Israel-Syrian declaration, at the first meeting, on January 25, in which both countries reasserted their desire to respect the general armistice agreements.

He said the situation was not all bad, declaring that so far, Israel had managed "to convince three neighbors that it is preferable to respect peace with Israel and we hope eventually to convince the fourth." He referred to Egypt, Jordan and Lebanon as the three Arab countries, and to Syria as the fourth.

Israeli circles noted here today that Syria had used the period during which the MAC talks were under way to penetrate into the demilitarized zone at the northern tip of Lake Tiberias, over which Israel has complete sovereignty. They noted that U.N. observers arrived in the locale only after Syrian farmers had completed their cultivation work in the disputed zone, but that Israel has deliberately refrained from taking any action against this Syrian incursion while the MAC discussions were under way.

### BROAD SPECTRUM OF BRITISH JEWRY PROTESTS ON FATE OF JEWS IN USSR

LONDON, Feb. 12. (JTA) -- Major Jewish organizations in Britain joined with the Board of Deputies of British Jews today in a special meeting aimed at expressing "the deep and solemn concern of the whole Jewish community about the position of Soviet Jewry." The meeting was keyed to the fact that Soviet Premier Alexei N. Kosygin, currently on a state visit to Britain, has refused to meet with a Jewish delegation to discuss the fate of Russian Jews.

The entire gathering rose and stood with heads covered as Dr. Solomon Gaon, Haham of the British Sephardic community, and a representative of the Chief Rabbinate, joined in reciting a special prayer for Soviet Jewry.

Solomon Teff, president of the Board of Deputies, informed the gathering that efforts to secure a meeting with Premier Kosygin on the question of Soviet Jewry were again rebuffed when Mr. Teff was personally introduced to Mr. Kosygin by British Prime Minister

Harold Wilson at a reception at Lancaster House here. Mr. Teff, who repeated the request for a meeting in the presence of the Soviet Ambassador, was told by the latter that such a meeting was "impossible." Mr. Teff told today's gathering that "something was achieved by the fact that the Premier introduced a representative of the Board of Deputies to Mr. Kosygin." He stressed that the implications would not be lost on the Soviet authorities or on Soviet Jewry.

### 280 MP's Join Protest; 2,000 Stage March to Soviet Embassy

Sir Barnett Janner, Labor member of Parliament and head of the Board's commission on foreign affairs, informed the gathering that more than 280 MP's had now signed the Parliamentary motion on Soviet Jewry, but stressed that there was no antagonism against the Soviet Union nor any political motive in the appeal.

Meanwhile, some 2,000 students and personalities in academic life marched today from Hyde Park to the Soviet Embassy, where they presented a memorandum on Soviet Jewry. The marchers included Rabbi Saul Amias, and two Catholic priests. The demonstration was orderly, and there were no incidents.

An appeal to Premier Kosygin in behalf of Soviet Jewry was contained in a letter published in yesterday's London Times, signed by eight leading university professors and the noted playwright-author, Lennart Kops. The letter hailed Mr. Kosygin's visit as a welcome sign of closer British-Russian relations, but called on him to fulfill his promise, made during his recent visit to France, that Soviet Jews would be allowed to leave the country to rejoin their families in other lands.

### Israeli Schools to Observe Week to Study of Fate of Jews in USSR

JERUSALEM, Feb. 12. (JTA) -- Israeli officials announced today that a special week dedicated to Soviet Jewry will be observed in all Israeli elementary schools starting February 19. Special lectures will be given on the cultural and religious aspects of Russian Jewish life, and special material on the subject will be distributed to pupils.

### MAPAM THREATENS TO QUIT ISRAEL COALITION ON COST-OF-LIVING ISSUE

JERUSALEM, Feb. 12. (JTA) -- Leaders of the leftist Mapam Party were reported today to have intimated they would quit Premier Levi Eshkol's coalition if the Cabinet refused to implement the agreement made last year with Histadrut, Israel's labor federation, for payment of cost-of-living allowances during 1967.

Mapam leaders reportedly made this position known before meeting with the Premier and with Economic Ministers of the Mapai-Achdut Avodah alignment, the dominant factor in the coalition. The Premier and the Ministers are trying to work out a wage policy for the current year.

The Government is under heavy pressure from other coalition partners and from Israeli manufacturers to withhold cost-of-living allowances this year because of Israel's continuing economic pinch. Right-wing coalition partners, moreover, oppose proposals for a compulsory loan to subsidize jobless payments to Israel's unemployed workers or for aid to industry.

Mr. Eshkol was continuing his consultation today with leaders of the coalition parties, starting with Mapam and the Independent Liberals.

### PORT OF ASHDOD DOCKS BLOCKED IN PROTEST AGAINST WORKERS' LAY OFF

TEL AVIV, Feb. 12. (JTA) -- Wives and relatives of 40 temporary port workers again blocked the port of Ashdod this morning in support of demands for permanent work. The men had gone on a hunger strike when they were laid off.

The women who came out in force yesterday, barring entry to the port area, appeared again this morning, in spite of heavy showers, placing barrels in front of the entrance to the docks. Non-striking port workers joined the demonstration, and a long queue of trucks was unable to enter the port, despite police efforts, with the aid of reinforcements, to disperse the crowd.

### APPEAL FOR RELEASE OF RUDOLF HESS FROM SPANDAU VOICED IN BRITAIN

LONDON, Feb. 12. (JTA) -- Appeals were voiced in the House of Lords yesterday for the British Government to urge Soviet Prime Minister Alexei N. Kosygin, now visiting this country, to agree to the release of Rudolf Hess, the only defendant at the Nuremberg trials still incarcerated at Spandau Prison, in West Berlin.

Lord Russell said he believed Russia was the only one of the four major allied powers who wanted to keep the former Nazi leader in prison, and asked what steps had been taken to persuade that country to change its mind.

FARBSTEIN TELLS HISTADRUT U.S. MUST TAKE NEW STEPS ON ARAB REFUGEES

NEW YORK, Feb. 12. (JTA) -- Rep. Leonard Farbstein, New York Democrat and a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, said here today that he would introduce into Congress this week a resolution demanding that the United Nations revise the relief rolls of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency, as a condition for continued U.S. contribution to the UNRWA relief program which supports the Arab refugees. Since the U.N. agency was established, in 1950, the U.S.A. has consistently contributed 70 percent of the funds expended by UNRWA.

Addressing the midwinter conference of the National Committee for Labor Israel, Rep. Farbstein said that the resolution, which would be introduced as part of the 1967 Foreign Aid Bill, would call on the United Nations to "cancel all outstanding ration cards" of the Arab refugees and replace them with new ones, and would require a full census of the Arab refugees. The resolution would also bar from the UNRWA relief rolls "known agitators, particularly members of the Palestine Liberation Organization."

Dr. Sol Stein, national director of the Israel Histadrut Campaign, announced at the conference that a total of \$1,250,000 in cash, one-fourth of the Histadrut's 1967 goal, had been brought in by the 1,000 conference delegates.

Rep. Farbstein told the conference delegates that UNRWA "is largely run in the refugee centers by Arabs whose sympathy is with the political ends of the Arab leaders, and who have a vested interest in their jobs. They help perpetuate the chaos in the refugee situation. Every attempt to cleanse the rolls of the free-loaders had failed, to the point that it is estimated that almost a half-million people maintain registered refugee status but, in fact, have jobs away from the refugee camps and live reasonably normal lives in a number of countries."

Other speakers at the conference included Izhar Farari, member of the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, and Yona Kesse, member of the Israel delegation to the United Nations.

JOHNSON, SHAZAR, ESHKOL LAUD CONGRESSMAN CELLER AT BNAI ZION EVENT

NEW YORK, Feb. 12. (JTA) -- Congressman Emanuel Celler, dean of the House of Representatives and chairman of its Judiciary Committee, charged tonight that the "so-called Palestine Liberation Army, which is sending its terroristic bands on missions of murder into Israel, derives financial aid from the United Nations Relief and Works Administration, through funds allocated for rations to Arab refugees."

Mr. Celler told 400 persons attending the annual dinner of Bnai Zion, American fraternal Zionist organization, that members of the terroristic Arab army are being recruited from the ranks of the Arab refugees. Despite strenuous objections, he said, U.N. funds are being spent for Arab refugees who are members of the army, with the excuse that they could not be distinguished from ordinary refugees.

Mr. Celler was presented with the 1967 Bnai Zion America-Israel Friendship Award, a gold medal, in recognition for his services in strengthening the ties between the two democracies. Edward Sharf, president of Bnai Zion, made the presentation.

Special messages lauding Mr. Celler's long service in Congress or on behalf of Israel were sent to the dinner by President Johnson, Israel's President Zalman Shazar and Israeli Prime Minister Levi Eshkol. Mr. Johnson noted in his message that "no man in the House of Representatives has served longer or with greater dedication to the public interest" than Congressman Celler.

ISRAEL BONDS SEEKS \$30,000,000 IN FIRST PHASE OF \$115,000,000 DRIVE

NEW YORK, Feb. 12. (JTA) -- A goal of \$30,000,000 in Israel bond sales during the initial phase of the 1967 campaign, leading up to the international inaugural conference in Miami on March 2-4, was announced today by Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, vice-president of the Israel Bond Organization. The total objective for the 1967 drive is a record \$115,000,000, to provide resources for the development of every sector of Israel's economy, especially industrial production for export, Dr. Schwartz said.

In the period preceding the conference, Dr. Schwartz added, activity in communities throughout the United States and Canada has been geared to the enrollment of Israel bond subscribers in honor of Israel's first Prime Minister, David Ben-Gurion. The climax of the conference will be an 80th birthday tribute and dinner on March 4 for Mr. Ben-Gurion, who will be honored for his historic role in the founding of the State of Israel, and for his pioneering initiative in the creation of the Israel bond drive as a prime source of funds for the country's economic development. More than 2,500 Jewish leaders are expected to attend the conference and the tribute to Mr. Ben-Gurion, which will mark the formal launching of the 1967 Israel bond campaign, Dr. Schwartz said.

N.J. GOVERNOR, SCHOOL BOARD, DEPLORE BOARD OFFICER'S STAND ON JEWS

WAYNE, N.J., Feb. 12. (JTA) -- New Jersey Governor Richard J. Hughes joined civic and Jewish leaders this weekend in deploring a statement by Newton Miller, vice-president of the Wayne Township School Board, who had urged the defeat of two Jewish candidates in the school board election on Tuesday. Replying to a request by the American Jewish Congress, calling for the removal of Mr. Miller from his post, Gov. Hughes said, however, that he lacks the authority to dismiss the School Board official, because the latter was elected by the people.

Earlier, Mr. Miller said that he would not resign, even after the School Board voted 8 to 1 to censure him and had asked for his resignation. More than 500 persons crowded the Municipal Building of this township of 45,000 for the meeting at which all Board members, except Miller, voted for the resolution. Most of them applauded the vote. The resolution censured Miller "for an appeal to bigotry contrary to the principles we set out to engender in our children."

The vote followed an apology by Miller, 47, an engineer for New Jersey Bell Telephone Company. In his apology to the township's 2,000 Jews, Miller refused to retract or modify his statement, in which he had said "most Jewish people are liberals, especially when it comes to spending for education." He had referred to the candidacies of Jack Mandell, an incumbent, and Robert Kraus, and noted that another incumbent, Fred Lafer, was Jewish. He added, in his statement, that if Mr. Mandell and Mr. Kraus were elected next Tuesday, "it would take only two more votes for a majority, and Wayne could be in real financial trouble." Then he declared: "Two more votes and we could lose what is left of Christ in our Christmas celebrations."

Township Officials Denounce Miller; Refuses to Resign

Miller was immediately denounced by a number of township officials and leaders. He called a news conference at which he said many Wayne township Jews had been his "staunch supporters" and that "all I can say is the release was not intended to convey what you read into it." "I have no intention of resigning," he said after the censure vote. Sol Ruggiero, the Board attorney, said there was no legal precedent for removing a Board member. Miller is not up for reelection.

Mr. Mandell sat next to Miller at the Board meeting. After listening to Miller talk about their long friendship, Mandell said: "You're right, Newt. We have been friends but it grieves me to say that you are an anti-Semite and a bigot."

Comment was severe. Mayor Edward Cisco said "he has gone too far." Andrew Mitello, president of the Wayne Parent Teachers Council, said "I am sick over this." Rabbi Shai Shacknai, of Temple Beth Tikvah, said: "The Jewish people in Wayne will survive this regression to the Middle Ages. My concern at the moment is not for the Jews but for Wayne. I shall do whatever I can to assure that Mr. Miller does not represent the community of Wayne again."

Danial Blum, editor of Wayne Today, said the reaction had startled him, adding "what local leaders are really screaming about is that this came into the open. They think that sweeping things under the rug will make them disappear."

Richard P. Marcus, who in 1961 became the first Jewish councilman here, said "I was shocked. There are really conservative roots in Wayne's history -- things like high-school kids wearing swastikas -- but I think it is a fringe group that does things like that."

In 1959, Wayne Township high school authorities broke up a school ring recruiting members for a club called "The Nazi Regime of America." Twelve students were suspended, all from middle-class suburban families, mostly in the Lake Packanack section.

GRAND RABBI MIMOUN CHAYON, OF RABAT, MOROCCO, DIES AT AGE OF 75

CASABLANCA, Feb. 12. (JTA) -- Funeral services were held today for Grand Rabbi Mimoun Chayon, former president of the Rabat Rabbinical Tribunal, who died at the age of 75. Rabbi Chayon had also been president of the Council of Administration of the Rabbinical Institute, comprised of all Moroccan rabbis. The Grand Rabbi of Morocco, Mikael Encacua, and presidents of the Jewish organizations participated in the funeral services, at which the Government's Minister of Justice delivered a eulogy. Condolences were received by Rabbi Chayon's family from leading city officials.

SHALOM ZYSMAN, ISRAEL SPORTS LEADER; MILITARY AUTHORITY, DEAD AT 53

TEL AVIV, Feb. 12. (JTA) -- Shalom Zysman, president of Maccabi-Israel, chairman of the Israel Olympic Committee and a leader of the former General Zionist Party, died here today of a heart attack. The 53-year-old veteran of Israel's war of independence had been hospitalized a week ago after collapsing in his office in the municipality of Ramat Gan, where he was Deputy Mayor. Mr. Zysman was among the first to join the Palestinian units of the British army, and later served in the Jewish Brigade. An authority on warfare he was the author of several books on the use of weapons in combat, which were used by members of the Hagana, the pre-State Jewish defense force.