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### U.N. TRUCE CHIEF CONFERS IN SYRIA ON RESUMPTION OF TALKS WITH ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Feb. 22. (JTA) -- Lt. Gen. Odd Bull, chief of staff of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization, conferred today in Damascus with Syrian Ministers and senior officials in what was believed to be a last-ditch effort to induce them to resume participation in an extraordinary session of the Israel-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission on the basis of adhering to the agreed agenda.

The MAC session was convened last month for the first time in eight years at the initiative of U.N. Secretary-General U Thant when Syrian-Israeli border tensions reached a dangerous pitch. The agenda had one item -- the issue of cultivation rights in the demilitarized zones on the border of the two countries. The talks were indefinitely suspended on February 16 when Syrian participants refused to give assurances they would stick to that agenda.

U.N. sources said here today there was a possibility that Gen. Bull would meet with Mr. Thant in Beirut tomorrow where the Secretary-General will be passing through en route to Burma on home leave. If such a meeting takes place, the U.N. sources said, it would probably involve a review of the entire Middle East situation with special reference to the Syrian-Israeli situation.

Gen. Bull was expected to submit to the Syrian authorities an Israeli warning that Israel too can broaden the agenda. Among the subjects which Israel might bring up for the discussion considered particularly distasteful to Syria were Syrian border violations and the basic call for peace prescribed by the armistice agreement.

Israel reportedly informed Gen. Bull that if the Syrians continued to press for a wider agenda, Israel would in turn raise articles one and three of the general armistice agreement which ban warlike acts or threats and call for peace between the two countries.

Israel might also demand that the MAC meeting give priority to these points on grounds that the two articles, unlike others, are held by the armistice agreement to be irrevocable. While such an Israeli stand might strengthen Gen. Bull's position in his talks with the Syrians, political sources in Jerusalem remained doubtful that he would succeed.

### FAMILIES OF THE TWO IMPRISONED ISRAELI EDITORS APPEAL FOR PARDON

JERUSALEM, Feb. 22. (JTA) -- The families of the two Israeli magazine editors imprisoned for publishing information connected with the State's security, appealed today to President Zalman Shazar to pardon the two men.

The appeal, which was filed on behalf of Chrmuel Mor and Maxim Gilan, editor and assistant editor respectively of "Bul" magazine, contended that the two editors were guilty of a "journalistic blunder" and had no intention of violating or hurting the security of the State.

The Government denied last night that the Moroccan intelligence service had asked the Israeli intelligence to help kidnap Mehdi Ben Barka, the Moroccan opposition leader missing since 1965. The two editors were sentenced to one year each for publishing hints of Israeli involvement in the Ben Barka affair.

David Landor, the Government press officer, called "a fantastic invention" the report about the Moroccan intelligence service request, which appeared yesterday in the Paris newspaper France-Soire. The French newspaper reported that Ben Barka, who is believed to be dead, was lured from Switzerland to Paris and kidnapped in Paris in October, 1965.

The France-Soir article said that the Israeli agents had refused to cooperate in the kidnaping and that Israeli silence on the alleged request had been based on an unwillingness to confirm that the Israeli secret service maintained good relations with its counterpart in Morocco, a Moslem country.

ISRAEL IS NOT READY FOR TWO-PARTY SYSTEM, ESHKOL TELLS PARLIAMENT

JERUSALEM, Feb. 22. (JTA) -- Israel is not ready for a two-party system, Prime Minister Levi Eshkol told the Knesset last night in winding up the debate on the budget of the Prime Minister's Office. He was replying to statements advocating a change to a plurality electoral system. While noting that there was a future possibility of a common list of all labor parties from Mapam to Rafi, he said that this was not practical in the present political climate of interparty strife.

Mr. Eshkol also informed the Knesset that the Center for the Diaspora, sponsored by both the Israel Government and the Jewish Agency, was planning to broaden its scope and activities. He said that while the Center's activities were successful, closer cooperation between Israel and Jewry abroad was required.

Meanwhile the Jewish Agency executive approved a program here today under which the number of Jewish youths abroad coming to Israel as part of various projects will be increased from a current total of 900 to 1,650. The new program will now go before the Government-Jewish Agency Coordinating Body for final approval. Eliahu Dobkin, head of the Youth and Mechalutz Department, said that all youth projects of his department will involve increased numbers of participants.

OUSTED HERUT LEADERS DECIDE TO FORM NEW PARTY; STAY IN KNESSET

JERUSALEM, Feb. 22. (JTA) -- Members of the Liberal Party in Parliament who are partners with the rightwing Herut Party in the Gahal faction decided today to keep the Gahal bloc intact despite the secession of three Members of Parliament from the Herut part of the bloc.

The three Herut members of the Knesset, who were ousted from the party in a bitter internal leadership struggle, are Shmuel Tamir, Eliezer Shostak and Avraham Lavyar. Also joining the dissidents was Ari Jabotinsky, son of the late founder of the Revisionist Party; Zev Jabotinsky. The dissidents decided Monday night to establish a new party with a Knesset faction with its own center, executive and national council. The new group will be called the "Free Bloc."

The three Herut deputies have still not declared themselves as a separate faction in the Knesset, saying they would be willing to remain in the Gahal bloc. However, the Liberals insisted today on the principle that it is the leadership of each Gahal partner which decides which deputies take part in bloc deliberations and holds Parliamentary offices on the bloc's behalf.

The Liberal leaders noted that the Herut Party deprived the three Knesset members of all their offices and functions and that the three must announce they constitute a separate faction if they want to take part in Parliamentary activities. Such an announcement, however, would take them automatically out of the Gahal faction, ending their present twilight status.

Meanwhile, Dr. Y. Bader, Herut chairman of Gahal, the Herut-Liberal bloc, announced today that Mr. Tamir and the other two dissident Knesset members were ousted from all their positions on Parliamentary committees which they held on behalf of the Herut faction of Gahal.

U.N. COMMISSION OPENS SESSION IN GENEVA ON RELIGIOUS INTOLERANCE

GENEVA, Feb. 22. (JTA) -- The United Nations Commission on Human Rights opened its 1967 meeting here with the Draft Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Religious Intolerance the first item on its agenda. The next item on the agenda will be the question of the punishment of war criminals and crimes against humanity.

Supreme Court Justice Chaim Cohn is representing Israel at the meetings in which representatives of various major Jewish organizations are also participating. They include: Dr. Gustave Warburg and C. C. Rappaport of London, representing the Coordinating Board of Jewish Organizations; Dr. Maurice Perlzweig of the World Jewish Congress; M. Muller of Paris, representing the Agudah World Executive; Miss Miriam Warburg of the International Council of Jewish Women; and Mrs. Yvette Brunschvig of the Women's International Zionist Organization. Professor Fiotr Negbailo of the Ukraine was elected president.

147 GRAVESTONES OVERTURNED, SMEARED WITH SWASTIKAS IN GERMAN TOWN

BONN, Feb. 22. (JTA) -- Officials of Duren, a town near the Dutch border, reported today that 147 gravestones were uprooted and smeared with swastikas and Nazi slogans Monday night. The vandals have not been found.

TUNISIAN GOVERNMENT REACHES ACCORD WITH J. D. C. ON RELIEF WORK

NEW YORK, Feb. 22. (JTA) -- An accord has been reached by the Tunisian Government and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee formalizing the status of JDC's welfare work in Tunisia, it was announced today by Charles H. Jordan, JDC executive vice-chairman.

Mr. Jordan pointed out that JDC has been cooperating for nearly a decade with the U.S. Department of Agriculture in its Food for Peace program in Tunisia. As of 1966 it made available USDA foodstuffs totaling 7,244,874 pounds, mainly milk, oil, flour and wheat, to some 70,000 beneficiaries in the southern part of the country.

JDC also distributed nearly 1,000,000 pounds of USDA supplies to Tunisian Jews last year in addition to supporting programs of relief, education, medical care, school feeding and care of the aged. These serve over 8,000 or more than one in three of the estimated 23,000 Jews in Tunisia.

RABBI GOLDSTEIN RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT JOHNSON; DELIVERS SENATE PRAYER

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22. (JTA) -- Rabbi Israel Goldstein, world chairman of the Keren Hayesod, was received yesterday afternoon by President Lyndon B. Johnson. During the meeting, Dr. Goldstein, who is rabbi emeritus of Congregation Bnai Jeshurun in New York, presented the President with a copy of his book, "A Century of Judaism in New York." In his inscription in the book, Dr. Goldstein referred to President Johnson as a "leader of men and of nations, architect of the Great Society and a friend of Israel."

Earlier in the day, Dr. Goldstein delivered the Senate's opening prayer at the session marking the eve of the birthday of George Washington. In his message, Dr. Goldstein cited the eternal contribution of the United States to freedom of worship and "to the concept of humanity wherein religious and spiritual freedom is inherent in and fundamental to the brotherhood of man."

CONTROVERSIAL VICE-PRESIDENT OF WAYNE SCHOOL BOARD REPLACED BY JEW

WAYNE, N.J., Feb. 22. (JTA) -- Newton Miller, the vice-president of the Wayne Township School Board who had earlier this month called for the defeat of two Jewish candidates to the board, was himself replaced last night by the only remaining Jewish member of the board.

Mr. Miller, who had urged the defeat of two Jewish candidates because he said the Jews were "liberals," especially when it came to spending for education, stepped down vice-president in favor of Fred Lafer, whose seat on the board was not up for election in last week's balloting. Mr. Lafer was elected vice-president unanimously.

Mr. Miller, who was sharply criticized for his anti-Semitic remarks, declined to retract them although he denied he was an anti-Semite. Jack Mandell and Fred Kraus, two Jews whose defeat Mr. Miller had called for, were badly defeated in the election.

When the new board met last night to elect its officers, Mr. Lafer was unanimously elected to succeed Mr. Miller. David J. Caliri, a Presbyterian, was elected president, a post Mr. Miller had indicated he hoped to receive. After the vote and an exchange of conciliatory remarks between Lafer and Miller, the new board gave Mr. Miller a unanimous vote of confidence in an apparent effort to heal the divisions over his stand, which led to a vote of censure by the prior board in a resolution asking him to resign, which he rejected. Mr. Miller was not up for reelection.

INTERFAITH 24-HOUR 'VIGIL FOR SOVIET JEWRY' HELD IN NEW YORK SUBURB

ROSLYN, L.I., N.Y., Feb. 22. (JTA) -- Several thousand residents of this suburb an New York community participated here in a 24-hour "Eternal Light Vigil for Soviet Jewry" which ended tonight, after an unusual, community-wide and inter-religious demonstration aimed at calling attention to what was termed the Soviet Government's "religious genocide" directed against Soviet Jewry.

The vigil, begun at 7 o'clock last night, culminated at that hour this evening with the unanimous adoption of a petition to the Moscow Government, demanding "a full measure of equality" for Russian Jewry and the eradication of "all vestiges of anti-Semitism" in the USSR.

The vigil had been sponsored by 20 synagogues, Christian churches and other religious and secular organizations in this area. Among the major participants in the 24-hour demonstration were Rabbi Aric S. Hyams, of Temple Beth Shalom, Roslyn, where the vigil was conducted; Socialist leader Norman Thomas; the Rev. Francis S. Bain, of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church; the Rev. Thomas P. Stewart, of the Roslyn Presbyterian Church; the Rev. Charles E. Ancrum, of Friendship Baptist Church; and Rep. Lester Wolff, a Democrat who represents this district in the House of Representatives.

BISHOP FULTON J. SHEEN ADDRESSES GATHERING IN ROCHESTER SYNAGOGUE

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Feb. 22. (JTA) -- A leading Catholic bishop and a rabbinical expert on interfaith relations, speaking at a synagogue here tonight, hailed gains in Jewish-Christian understanding and listed major unresolved problems in those relations.

The speakers were Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, newly-appointed Bishop of Rochester, and Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum of New York, director of inter-religious activities of the American Jewish Committee. They addressed an open meeting at Temple B'rith Kodesh sponsored by the Catholic Diocese of Rochester, the Jewish Community Council and the Committee as the final event of a day-long symposium on "The Jewish People and the Catholic People Look at Each Other." It was the prelate's first public address on Jewish-Christian relations since his appointment.

REFORM RABBINATE FAVORS RELIGIOUS JEWISH NATIONALISM IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Feb. 22. (JTA) -- Declaring that the Reform rabbinates today holds "a strong conviction in favor of Jewish nationalism in Israel, plus an equally strong conviction in favor of a religious definition of Jewry in the Western world," Rabbi Solomon B. Freehof, of Pittsburgh, said here there is no real conflict today between so-called classical Reform and classical Herzlian Zionism.

The former president of both the Central Conference of American Rabbis and the World Union for Progressive Judaism, one of the foremost spokesmen for Reform Judaism made this point in delivering the annual Abba Hillel Silver Memorial Lecture at the Herzl Institute in New York. Both he and Dr. David Seligson, rabbi of Central Synagogue, New York, who presided, paid tribute to Dr. Silver, as did Dr. Emanuel Neumann, chairman of the Theodor Herzl Foundation, who also spoke.

Reviewing the history of the more than fifty year conflict of ideologies between the religious oriented Reform rabbinates and the "secular nationalism" of the Zionist Movement which gradually diminished in the years just prior to the establishment of Israel, Dr. Freehof paid tribute to the "natural healing power" of Judaism and Jewry.

'ZIM' TO OPERATE 84 OCEANGOING SHIPS THIS YEAR, N. Y. OFFICE ANNOUNCES

NEW YORK, Feb. 22. (JTA) -- A fleet of 84 oceangoing ships with crews totaling 2,888 officers and seamen will be operated this year by Zim Israel Navigation Company, according to a report by the American-Israeli Shipping Company of New York. The New York firm is the United States representative of the Israeli line.

The fleet is made up of 66 ships owned by Zim and associated firms and 18 chartered vessels. The flagship *Shalom* is one of four Zim passenger liners. It includes also 48 cargo ships and 14 bulk carriers and tankers. The 69,100-ton bulk carrier, *Cron*, built by Japan and delivered last month, is the largest ship in the Zim fleet and the largest under the Israeli flag. A sistership, the *Besor*, will be delivered later this year by Japan. Two ships are being built for Zim in Yugoslavia. The 7,300-ton cargo motorship, the *Tamar*, the first of the two, will be delivered this year.

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE EXPANDS EDUCATIONAL WORK IN BRAZIL

NEW YORK, Feb. 22. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Committee's Community Service, which carries on Jewish educational and cultural programs, has been expanded in Brazil in response to requests for assistance from Brazilian Jewish communities, it was reported here today.

According to a report from the AJC's Latin American Office, programs were launched in cooperation with Jewish leaders in three such communities. In Belo Horizonte 600 miles north of Rio de Janeiro, a series of audio-visual programs consisting of filmstrips with lectures on Judaism were shown. The programs were given in Jewish schools and the local B'nai B'rith lodge.

A similar program was presented during a three-day series in Recife, in Brazil's northeast, home of one of the oldest Jewish communities in the Western hemisphere. "Every Jewish child in Recife was involved through his Hebrew school, and most of the other members of the community attended the presentations at the Jewish Center and B'nai B'rith headquarters," the report said. In Salvador, on the northeast coast of Brazil the program was repeated with equal success.

DANIEL LEIBEL, VETERAN ZIONIST AND BIBLE SCHOLAR, DIES IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Feb. 22. (JTA) -- Funeral services were held here today for Daniel Leibel, the veteran Labor Zionist and noted Bible scholar, who died here last night at the age of 75. Born in Poland, Mr. Leibel came to Palestine in 1924 and was active until very recently in the Bible Study Society and as adviser to the Hebrew Language Academy.