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## ESHKOL REITERATES WARNING TO SYRIA; MOSCOW WARNS ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, April 26, (JTA) -- Premier Levi Eshkol warned Syria once more today that Israel would know how to defend its interests and the lives of its citizens "efficiently and promptly." Speaking at the annual students conference, the Premier stressed that Israel would never relinquish its rights to the slightest degree. He said "there will be no further concessions," and added the warning that "those who think they can attack us and cross our borders without risk to themselves make a bitter mistake."

He reiterated Israel's aspirations for peace on its borders and voiced his determination to seek peaceful measures first in cases of tension. But if border tensions continued, he said, "we will not lag behind either in acquisition of military equipment, establishing military industries and forming military units." He added that "great progress" had been achieved in Israel in this field in recent years and that Israel hoped to achieve the capacity to build heavy arms.

Many observers viewed the Premier's speech as an indirect reply to a "warning" from the Soviet Union transmitted earlier today by Tass, the official Soviet news agency. The Tass statement referred to a diplomatic talk held some time ago in Moscow between Israeli Ambassador Katriel Katz and senior officials of the Soviet Foreign Ministry. The Soviet Union denounced Israeli use of air power against Syria and made public today the contents of a note handed to Mr. Katz demanding that Israel halt its "unconcealed military acts" against Syria. The target of the Soviet warning was assumed to be the April 7 clash in which Israeli jets shot down six Soviet-made Syrian MIG-21 jets.

The Soviet note released today declared that the Soviet Union considered the air clashes, which were blamed on Israel, as "fraught with danger" and pointedly noted that such battles occurred "near the Soviet border." The Government also said that Israel had placed an "act of aggression before the world," and condemned "uninterrupted aggressive acts by Israel against neighboring Arab countries." The note declared that the Soviet Government "considers it necessary to warn the Israeli Government that the risky policy it has waged for several years against her neighbors is fraught with danger."

Political sources expressed surprise at the "obvious leak" through Tass of the contents of the conversation held some time ago between Ambassador Katz and the Soviet Foreign Ministry officials. The sources noted that the Tass version did not present Israel's views and arguments submitted by the Israeli envoy in the talks and thus the leakage constituted a strictly one-sided version of the issues.

## SENATE URGED TO START HEARINGS ON U.S. POLICY IN MIDDLE EAST

WASHINGTON, April 26, (JTA) -- Sen. Jacob K. Javits, New York Republican, in a major speech prepared for delivery today on the Senate floor, urged the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to hold hearings on U.S. policy in the Middle East, warning a "parallel with Viet Nam" exists and America may become "the policeman in the Middle East as well as the Far East."

Sen. Javits noted that the French and British were withdrawing from involvement in the Middle East while the United Nations Organization was "doing about all it can" to hold its own in truce operations on the Israel-Arab borders. "Only the United States remains as a prime deterrent to war, and in case the deterrence fails, only the U.S. remains actively to intervene if it wishes to hold aggression there," he said. The Senator stressed that "the parallel with Viet Nam should not be taken lightly. At first, we supported the interests of our allies there. Then, our allies gradually loosened and finally cut their responsibilities. In the end we were left with the bag."

## STALIN'S DAUGHTER CONFIRMS SOVIET BIAS AGAINST JEWISH STUDENTS

NEW YORK, April 26, (JTA) -- Mrs. Svetlana Alliluyeva, Stalin's daughter, told a press conference here today that she knew very little about discrimination against Jews in the Soviet Union from which she has obtained asylum in this country.

Speaking at her first press conference since arriving in the United States last Friday, Mrs. Alliluyeva added, that she had known that some Jewish applicants for Soviet universities had been refused admission when applicants of lesser qualifications were admitted.

## ISRAEL'S MINISTER FORESEES RISE IN UNEMPLOYMENT AFTER PASSOVER

TEL AVIV, April 26. (JTA) -- There has been a reduction in unemployment in Israel, but the drop is only seasonal and a further rise in joblessness may be expected after the Passover holidays, Labor Minister Yigal Allon said, addressing a meeting at the Maritime Club at Ashdod.

Mr. Allon emphasized that, despite difficulties due to the present economic recession, he supported the Government's current economic policy. That policy, he stated, "will avert sufferings of hundreds of thousands at the expense of sacrificing tens of thousands during the transitional period." He pointed out that more than 300 million Israeli pounds (\$100 million) from the development budget has been earmarked for projects to increase productive employment.

## ANOTHER ISRAELI BANK TAKEN OVER; FACED FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES

TEL AVIV, April 26. (JTA) -- The Credit Bank of Israel has been taken over by the Bank Leumi, Israel's largest bank, because of "financial difficulties" and will be operated by the Bank Leumi, officials announced last night.

A Bank Leumi spokesman said that the Bank Leumi had assured the funds of the Credit Bank, one of Israel's smaller banking institutions. There was no report on the nature of the Credit Bank's troubles. Last January, the Bank of Israel took over two other banks, Feuchtwanger and Ellerns, after government investigators found alleged mismanagement.

## AMERICAN INVESTORS JOIN ISRAELI FIRMS IN PROSPECTING FOR OIL

TEL AVIV, April 26. (JTA) -- A group of American investors from Oklahoma has joined a number of Israeli oil prospecting firms in a joint venture to explore for oil in the Tzilkag-Negev area, it was disclosed here today.

The Oklahoma group specializes in oil prospecting. It was not known yet under which name it would operate in Israel. Among the Israeli partners in the venture is the Paz Company which is owned by Sir Isaac Wolfson, the British Jewish industrialist and philanthropist.

## TWO ISRAELI JOURNALISTS QUIETLY RELEASED FROM TEL AVIV PRISON

TEL AVIV, April 26. (JTA) -- Two Israeli journalists who were sentenced to a year's imprisonment at a secret trial for publishing material considered harmful to state security were quietly released from prison last Friday. It had been indicated that the two, Shmeul Mor, editor of the weekly newspaper, Bul, and his assistant, Maxim Gilan, would be released just prior to the start of Passover, last Sunday. President Shazar commuted their sentence last February, a month after they entered prison.

The two journalists appealed today for abolition of the law under which they were convicted and asked for public support of a campaign to abolish the measure. They said the law contained a clause which virtually barred any opportunity for a convicted person to obtain acquittal. They asserted that the Justice Ministry had recommended the reduction of their sentences only after news of their secret arrest, trial and sentencing appeared in the foreign press.

Their arrest followed publication in Bul last December of a report alleging that the Israeli secret service was involved in the kidnapping of Ben Barka, an opposition leader, in Algeria.

## BEN-GURION MEETS WITH CHANCELLOR KIESINGER; TALKS WITH JOHNSON

BONN, April 26. (JTA) -- David Ben-Gurion, Israel's former Premier met for 45 minutes today with West German Chancellor Kurt Kiesinger for a talk "in a very friendly atmosphere." The Chancellor expressed his special thanks to Mr. Ben-Gurion for his coming to West Germany to attend the funeral yesterday of former Chancellor Konrad Adenauer. The Chancellor assured Mr. Ben-Gurion that he would continue the work of Dr. Adenauer.

Other than President Johnson, Mr. Ben-Gurion was the only foreign leader to be received by the Chancellor in a visit which was widely covered by West Germany's press and television. The former Premier told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that during West German President Heinrich Lübke's reception for foreign dignitaries, he had talked with President Johnson, President de Gaulle of France and former British Prime Minister Harold MacMillan.

While Mr. Ben-Gurion was meeting with Chancellor Kiesinger, Israel's Foreign Minister, Abba Eban, attended a reception in Bonn for visiting foreign Ministers called by West German Foreign Minister Willy Brandt. Mr. Eban and Mr. Brandt discussed matters of mutual concern.

**BRAZIL'S SUPREME COURT POSTPONES HEARING ON STANGL EXTRADITION**

RIO DE JANEIRO, April 26. (JTA) -- Brazil's highest tribunal, the Supreme Court, today postponed 10 to 14 days its scheduled hearings on three petitions from foreign governments -- Poland, West Germany and Austria -- for the extradition of Franz Paul Stangl, the former Nazi wanted in those lands for trial on war crimes charges. He is accused of having been responsible for the murder of about 70,000 Jews in the Treblinka and Sobibor concentration camps, where he had served as the Nazi regime's commandant.

The high tribunal postponed its hearings on the request of the Government's chief prosecutor who had asked for more time to study and analyze the very bulky documentation presented by the Governments of Poland and West Germany. The documents from both those countries, the prosecutor told the court, had arrived here only a few days ago, and much more time was needed for their study before Poland's and West Germany's extradition petitions could be supported through the evidence sent here in the Stangl case from Warsaw and Bonn.

In ruling on the postponement, the court also decided that all three governmental petitions for Stangl's extradition would be considered at a single proceeding. The Austrian documentation the prosecutor said, was ready for presentation now. Stangl had originally been ordered by the Supreme Court to be detained for the maximum legal period, which expires next Sunday. But the tribunal found a legal technicality for extending the detention period by two more weeks. Stangl had been arrested at Sao Paulo on March 2.

**Stangl Reported Hoping He Will Be Extradited to Austria**

It was learned here today from excellent sources that Stangl himself hopes he will not be freed in Brazil, and would be extradited to Austria. He was said to fear "Jewish revenge" and efforts to assassinate him if he were released here. On the other hand, it was said by these sources, he would prefer extradition to Austria -- rather than to Poland or West Germany -- because the Austrian accusation is limited to a charge that he had participated in a Nazi euthanasia program, making no mention of his command position at Treblinka and Sobibor. He was reported to hold the belief that, in Austria, he would get off with a light sentence, if tried and convicted there.

Stangl's newly-appointed attorney, named as defense counsel by the court after his three former defense attorneys had withdrawn from the case, indicated to the court today that he would call for the man's acquittal on the grounds that Brazil's legal code sets a statute of limitation of 20 years on prosecution of the crimes of which Stangl is accused. Stangl's new attorney, Xavier de Albuquerque, is a professor at the University of Brazil. The man's three former attorneys were well-known and very expensive lawyers, and there had been much speculation here about who had retained the prestigious defense battery and who had undertaken the cost of that private defense.

Prof. Albuquerque's claim that the statute of limitations bars Stangl's extradition is supported by the Supreme Court's former chief justice, Nelson Hungria, and by Brazil's representative on the United Nations Human Rights Commission, Carlos Dunshee de Abranches. An article by the latter, published here today, invoked the statute of limitations on behalf of Stangl. Mr. Hungria made his position on that point clear in a statement three weeks ago. Mr. Hungria's statement garnered considerable interest among attorneys here because he had been the author of Brazil's current penal code. Mr. Hungria had been retired from his high judicial post by Brazil's new national government, and is now on pension.

**TRIAL OF NAZIS CHARGED WITH 'MERCY KILLING' OPENS IN GERMANY**

FRANKFURT, April 26. (JTA) -- A trial of four Nazi doctors, charged with the "mercy killing" of more than 90,000 persons during World War II, began here yesterday.

The chief defendant is Dr. Gerhard Bohne, 64, who was extradited from Argentina last November on the charges. He was accused of helping to organize the Nazi program for the killing of mentally ill and physically deformed Germans under the Nazi euthanasia program. On trial with him are Dietrich Allers, 56, Reinhold Voberg, 64, and Adolf Kaufmann, 64. Bohne also was involved in the creation and camouflaging of the Nazi gas chambers and in selection of the Nazi execution squads which later murdered thousands of Jews. However, he is on trial here only on the mercy killing charge.

Initially, Bohne had been ordered to stand trial in Limburg in 1963 with three other medical officers of the Nazi regime on the euthanasia charges. But the principal defendant, Dr. Werner Heyde, hanged himself in a prison cell while awaiting trial and another defendant fell or jumped from a window and perished. The trial which opened here yesterday was expected to last nine months, and 120 witnesses were listed to testify.

## SO. AFRICAN JEWISH LEADER WARNS ON ANTI-SEMITIC PROPAGANDA

JOHANNESBURG, April 26. (JTA) -- A warning that "Nazi and anti-Semitic propaganda is entering South Africa through various channels," and that "vigilance and effective action" is needed against it, was given by Dr. Teddy Schneider, president of the South African Jewish Board of Deputies, at a banquet inaugurating a new lodge of the Hebrew Order of David here. He said the press had drawn attention to the increase of such material, which usually made "wild and unfounded allegations about a worldwide 'Jewish' or 'Zionist' conspiracy," along the lines of "that notorious forgery, the Protocols of the Elders of Zion."

"I believe," Dr. Schneider continued, "that the press is performing a public service in alerting readers to these undesirable activities. We have known for a long time that individuals and groups exist in various countries, and especially among the Radical Right groups in the southern states of the U.S.A., which have been busy spreading reactionary and anti-Jewish poison to various parts of the world,

"Regretably, some misguided people in South Africa are not unreceptive to such ideas, and there are individuals and groups in the Republic who welcome, and in turn disseminate this propaganda. They are most harmful when they purport to be defending South Africa's patriotic interests -- in fact, they serve alien and un-south African purposes, damaging to South Africa's real interests." Dr. Schneider expressed confidence that the majority of South Africans would treat this "insidious propaganda" with contempt, "I am sure that the authorities do not welcome it," he added.

## RABBI TESTIFIES IN SENATE HEARINGS ON PRIVACY UNDER JEWISH LAW

WASHINGTON, April 26. (JTA) -- Rabbi Norman Lamm of New York told a Senate subcommittee hearing on privacy that Jewish religious law considers non-physical intrusion "the equivalent of physical trespass" and that "the spirit of Jewish Law rejects the idea of a national data bank."

Rabbi Lamm, a member of the Jewish Law Commission of the Rabbinical Council of America, testified before the Senate subcommittee headed by Sen. Edward Long of Missouri which is conducting hearings on threats to the privacy of Americans.

He also told the Senators that Jewish Law does not consider the right to privacy as absolute, holding that some rights would be automatically suspended in situations of grave threats to national security. However, he added, privacy in Jewish Law "is more than a legal right; there is also a moral duty for man to protect his own privacy."

## CAMDEN JEWISH COMMUNITY GROUP OPPOSES STATE SCHOOL BUS BILL

CAMDEN, N.J., April 26. (JTA) -- The Jewish Community Relations Committee of the Camden Jewish Federation has joined other bodies in New Jersey, including non-Jewish groups, in opposing a school busing bill pending in the State Senate.

Dr. Harry A. Pinsky, chairman of the committee, sent a telegram to this area's members of the Senate pointing out that the proposed measure would "impair the principle of and threaten religious liberty." The constitutionality of the bill has been questioned because it would extend public school transportation to children in the Catholic parochial schools and to all non-profit private schools.

Other opponents of the measure are the Jewish Community Council of Essex County, the legislative committee of the New Jersey Council of Churches; and Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

## SOVIET YIDDISH MAGAZINE PUBLISHES AGNON'S STORIES FROM HEBREW

LONDON, April 26. (JTA) -- The latest issue of Sovietish Heimland, the Yiddish-language monthly magazine published in Moscow, carries four short stories translated from the Hebrew writings of Shmuel Yosef Agnon, the Israeli author who last year was a co-winner of the Nobel Prize for literature. The April issue of the magazine, received here today, promised that more of Agnon's writings would be published in Yiddish in the future.

The same issue of Sovietish Heimland included a note about another famous Hebrew writer in Israel, Avigdor Hameiri, congratulating him on his 80th birthday. Mr. Hameiri was for years editor of "Dvar Hakneset," the official journal of the Israeli Parliament.

## HEBREW-SPEAKING LODGE OF B'NAI B'RITH ESTABLISHED IN LONDON

LONDON, April 26. (JTA) -- A Hebrew-speaking lodge of the B'nai B'rith has been established here with Dr. Israel Brodie, emeritus Chief Rabbi of Great Britain, as president. The 50-odd founder-members include Professor Norman Bentwich whose father, the late Norman Bentwich, was president of the first B'nai B'rith lodge in Britain, in 1910.