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### Israel Cabinet Discusses Syrian Shelling of Settlement from Lebanese Territory

JERUSALEM, May 7. (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet discussed today the new tactics of Syrian terrorists expressed this weekend in the firing of mortar shells into Israel from Lebanese territory. Reports were given at the Cabinet meeting by Acting Chief of Staff of Israel's Army, Brigadier General Ezer Weizmann and by Foreign Minister Abba Eban. Prime Minister Eshkol spoke on the political implications of the new Syrian tactics.

The decisions of the Cabinet were not made public. However Mr Eban will send another note to the United Nations on the subject for distribution among the members of the U.N. Security Council. Gen. Weizmann said that the new military tactics embarked upon this weekend by Syrian terrorists seem to emulate the tactics used by Viet Cong guerrillas.

During the weekend, the Syrians fired seven 60-mm mortar shells at the Israeli border settlement of Manara from the Lebanese side of the border. In a second incident, Syrian infiltrators blew up a water pump on Lake Tiberias, about three miles from the Syrian border.

One of the mortar shells damaged one house in the Manara kibbutz. Three fell short and the other three could not be found. The new tactic apparently was decided on, officials said here, after several groups of marauders were intercepted recently by Israeli patrols. The shelling lasted three to four minutes. Army experts said 60-mm mortars are standard Syrian army equipment. The gunners moved into Lebanese territory about 15 miles from the Syrian border. (A report from Damascus today confirmed that the shelling was done by the Syrian terrorist group, Al Assefa.)

In another weekend incident, five members of a northern kibbutz escaped injury when a pick-up truck in which they were riding hit a mine and was wrecked in Upper Galilee near the Lebanese border. The vehicle, driven by a Daram settlement member and carrying Sasa settlement residents, had almost reached Daram when the driver saw a suspicious object on the road. He immediately swerved the vehicle but it detonated the mine, blasting the truck off the ground. Footprints of four men were found leading to the Lebanese border.

### Israel Unemployment Will Rise During Next Five Months; Will Decline Later

JERUSALEM, May 7. (JTA) -- Labor Minister Yigal Allon told the regular meeting of the Cabinet today that the job outlook in Israel was still bleak for the next five months and that the Government would have to provide work for another 10,000 jobless. However, he also predicted that at the end of the year, there would be a sharp decline in the number of unemployed workers.

He said the Government planned to spend about \$60 million to provide the additional 10,000 jobs. Part of the money, he reported, would be used to speed up road building, hospital construction and other projects previously scheduled for subsequent years. The rest of the money will be used for relief work. He said that as of last week, the number totally unemployed was 16,750 while another 19,000 workers were on relief. These figures were understood to refer only to jobless workers registered in the labor exchanges. The Minister disclosed that his Ministry was sponsoring special crash courses to give new skills to workers and soldiers nearing release from military duty so that they could fit into new patterns of employment envisaged in the Government's economic planning.

### Jews and Neo-Nazis Clash in Johannesburg Suburb; Police Use Teargas; Arrests Made

JOHANNESBURG, May 7. (JTA) -- Police had to use teargas yesterday to disperse a large and excited crowd which gathered outside of a beerhall where Jewish youths scuffled with neo-Nazis. Several members of the crowd were injured and some were arrested.

The incident, which took place in a beerhall in Hillbrow, a Johannesburg suburb, was the second in a week. In the first incident, a number of German immigrants toasted Hitler's birthday in the beerhall. A number of Jewish youths went later to the beerhall and remarks were exchanged with the German patrons leading to a scuffle which police quickly halted. The youths admitted their guilt and paid their fines, declaring they wanted to show they were not ready to let a salute to Hitler go unchallenged.

In the second incident, yesterday, another group of Jewish young people entered the beerhall where German folksongs were being sung. The youths began to sing Hebrew songs and to dance the Horah. Police, who had been in the hall in the expectation of trouble, ordered the youths to leave. The youths refused and an altercation broke out when police forcibly evicted them.

## U.S. Protests to Soviet Over Anti-Semitic Aspersions of Russian Delegate

NEW YORK, May 7. (JTA) -- The United States has made a formal complaint to the Soviet Mission to the United Nations over the "anti-Semitic aspersions" by a Soviet delegate against Morris B. Abram, the United States representative to the U.N. Human Rights Commission, the National Community Relations Advisory Council reported today.

The action was disclosed in a letter from Secretary of State Dean Rusk to Aaron Goldman, chairman of the NCRAC, a coordinating agency of nine national Jewish organizations -- including the American Jewish Committee -- and 79 local Jewish community councils. Secretary Rusk said in his April 3 letter:

"The United States Mission to the United Nations, under instructions from the Department of State, made formal representations to the Soviet Mission in New York, at a high level, to make it absolutely clear that Mr. Yakub Ostrovski's conduct was considered to be a regrettable departure from the standards which should prevail -- and which normally have prevailed -- in United Nations bodies."

Mr. Goldman, in making public the letter, said he had protested to the State Department as soon as he had learned of the incident at the meeting of the U.N. Commission, which was held in Geneva. He said he had written to Mr. Rusk that "any slur upon the integrity of an American representative because of his religious association is obnoxious to the American tradition, which makes and recognizes no distinction among American citizens on the basis of faith or creed."

Mr. Goldman wrote that "on three different occasions," the head of the Soviet delegation referred to Mr. Abram, who is also president of the American Jewish Committee, "in terms that imputed to Mr. Abram a religious bias in his presentation of the United States position. On the most recent of the three occasions, the Soviet representative openly charged Mr. Abram with 'serving two masters.'" That was on March 23 when the commission discussed a recommendation for creation of a U.N. Commissioner of Human Rights. The Soviet delegate then accused Mr. Abram of "obeying the orders of the Zionists and Jews of America" and with "serving two masters."

### State Department to React Vigorously Also in the Future

In an earlier exchange on March 21 in the same debate, Mr. Abram raised a point of order and was attacked by Mr. Ostrovski who said: "You may interrupt people at the American Jewish Committee but this is not a meeting of the American Jewish Committee." Mr. Abram replied that the Soviet delegate had "bias" that was "barely concealed" in conduct that was "in keeping with the policy, which has become infamous in all the world, of claiming non-discrimination while practicing discrimination and repression."

Mr. Goldman, in his letter to Mr. Rusk, urged the United States to find "suitable means" to protest the Soviet delegate's "vicious attempt to raise the specter of a religious test for representation on U.N. bodies." In the absence of a protest, Mr. Goldman added, Mr. Abram's rebuke to the Soviet delegate could be misinterpreted as a personal defense "whereas it was not he, but the integrity of the United States representation that was being besmirched."

Mr. Rusk said that the State Department had been equally concerned, adding that "we fully supported the eloquent and telling response Mr. Abram made. That response was made on behalf of the United States Government, in Mr. Abram's capacity as United States representative. We believe that it disposes very effectively of the anti-Semitic aspersions made by the Soviet representative." Mr. Rusk added that the State Department would "continue to react vigorously to such unfounded attacks on American representatives if they should recur."

## Canadian Neo-Nazis Sentenced to Jail for Placing Swastikas on Jewish Homes

TORONTO, May 7. (JTA) -- John Beattie, Canadian neo-Nazi, was sentenced yesterday to six months imprisonment on charges of conspiracy, after a trial in which he and two followers were found to have placed swastikas on the homes of prominent Jews in Toronto.

Magistrate Tupper Bigelow sentenced John Reese, 31, and Robert Wood, 29, the other two defendants, to three months each in jail. Most of the evidence against the three neo-Nazis was given by John Charles Gerrity, who said he was hired as a private detective by the Canadian Jewish Congress and had infiltrated the tiny Nazi group.

Gerrity testified that Beattie had a list of 12 homes of presumed Jews where he was to hang swastika plaques. Gerrity testified also he had been driver of a car used by the three neo-Nazis for that operation and reported on it to police, who seized Beattie after the fourth swastika placement, which was in front of the home of Rabbi Abraham Feinberg, a leading Canadian Reform rabbi.

Wood is now serving an eight-month prison sentence on another charge. Beattie's appearance here was one of several in recent years stemming from his neo-Nazi activities. In 1965 he touched off a riot in the city's Allan Park with a violent anti-Semitic harangue.

## Falange Groups in Spain Display Pro-Nazi and Anti-Semitic Sentiments

LONDON, May 7. (JTA) -- A memorial mass in Madrid for Hitler, to have marked the 22nd anniversary of his death this weekend, was banned by the Archbishop of Madrid, it was reported here today from the Spanish capital. The Most Rev. Casimiro Morcillo issued the ban after a group reportedly associated with the Spanish Falange Party tried to arrange the service at a Madrid church.

The cancelled plan was seen as part of a minor revival recently of pro-Nazi and anti-Semitic sentiments in Spanish groups associated with the Falange, the only recognized political party in Spain. However, the Franco regime was known not to be in any way encouraging such sentiments. The regime has in fact been making special efforts to protect and encourage Jewish cultural and religious activities. A new Spanish postage stamp issued this week portrays the Jewish philosopher, Maimonides, who was born in Cordoba.

Two recent indications of anti-Semitism appeared in the weekly magazine SP, identified with the Falange, and Falange's Madrid newspaper, Arriba. SP declared that "all these ideas about the evils of Nazism are pure Judaic propaganda." Arriba published a quotation from the 1713 Treaty of Utrecht between Britain and Spain, banning either 'Jew or Moor' from living in Gibraltar. The quotation, involving Spain's efforts to abrogate the treaty, referred to the fact that one of the Ministers of the Gibraltar Government is Jewish.

## U.A.H.C. Hopes Temple Emanu-El Will Reconsider Its 'Hasty' Withdrawal

NEW YORK, May 7. (JTA) -- Hope that Temple Emanu-El, the largest Reform congregation in the world, would reconsider its "hasty" withdrawal from the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the association of Reform congregations, was expressed today by Irving Fane, chairman of the UAHC board of trustees.

Disclosure that a divided Temple board had voted, six to four, to pull the congregation out of the UAHC for the second time, touched off a series of exchanges between officials of the Temple and the UAHC. In disclosing the withdrawal action, Alfred Bachrach, congregation president, said the action was taken in protest about statements on United States participation in the Viet Nam war and other public issues by Rabbi Maurice Eisendrath, UAHC president. Dr. Eisendrath has been one of the sharpest critics among a group of Reform rabbis opposing the American role in the war.

Mr. Bachrach said Dr. Eisendrath had assumed the role of spokesman for the entire Reform movement and stressed that such a position was "unauthorized and impossible." Louis Brodido, a board member of Temple Emanu-El, said that a "bare quorum" of the board's 21 members attended the April 25 meeting at which the withdrawal decision was made. He said he and other opponents of the withdrawal action would bring the issue up at the board's May 28 meeting and that, if it was not reversed there, they would seek to get a reversal at a congregational meeting, which may be called on petition of 25 congregation members.

Dr. Eisendrath claimed that the withdrawal reflected a widespread tendency to use the Viet Nam war to "curtail free expression of opinion." He also charged that "the background for this continued dispute between certain members of the Temple's board and the Union has been a disagreement with the Union's whole program of social actions." He said that the "one issue of the Viet Nam war" should not be used as an excuse to alienate the congregation of Temple Emanu-El from the Reform Jewish movement and from the great humanitarian, ethical and religious impulse that has bound us in fellowship."

Mr. Bachrach replied that Dr. Eisendrath "favors dissent against everything except his own views." He added that the Temple had withdrawn "because we favor dissent. Our point is that he wants it to appear that he represents Reform Judaism and we do not agree that this is his right." The Temple previously was out of the UAHC from July 1964 to July 1965 in a dispute over whether individual congregations should have the right to elect some of the UAHC's 150 trustees.

## First Interreligious Conference on Man's Conscience Opens in Boston

BOSTON, May 7. (JTA) -- The first interreligious conference on the social role of man's conscience opened here today with a marathon attempt to define the nature of religious conscience from three distinct yet overlapping points of view -- Protestant, Jewish and Roman Catholic.

The two-day conference is being sponsored by the Synagogue Council of America, the Roman Catholic Bishops' Committee on interreligious affairs, and the National Council of Churches, composed of 34 Protestant and Eastern Orthodox denominations. About 180 persons representing the three faiths were in attendance. They consisted of theologians and other clergymen, university educators, sociologists and other social scientists.

The Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America and the Rabbinical Council of America, the two major Orthodox synagogue and rabbinical groups, which are members of the SCA, are boycotting the conference.

## Thousands Commemorate Anniversary of Warsaw Ghetto Uprising at 'Times Square'

NEW YORK, May 7. (JTA) -- Several thousand persons, including delegations from religious communal and civic groups in the metropolitan and outlying areas crowded into Times Square here today to join in the commemoration of the 24th Anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising against the armed might of the Nazis. The famous thoroughfare was renamed Warsaw Ghetto Square for the day.

The rally was held under auspices of the Zionist Organization of America in co-sponsorship with 40 national and local Jewish organizations and was addressed by Senator Jacob K. Javits; Mayor John V. Lindsay; Orin Lehman, secretary of the American Jewish Committee; Jacques Torczyner, president of the ZOA; Rabbi Emanuel Rackman, assistant president of Yeshiva University; Dr. Joachim Prinz, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, and Abram Salomon, chairman of the Anniversary Committee, who presided. The ceremonies and addresses were rendered against a backdrop of a huge photographic reproduction of the granite monument on the site of the former Warsaw Ghetto. Members of the Jewish War Veterans of America presented colors and sounded taps.

The sentiments of President Johnson were expressed in a message sent to the gathering from the White House by Will Sparks, assistant to the President. The message read: "The President appreciates knowing of your memorial tribute to the Jews who lost their lives in World War II. He joins you in honoring their memory and in praying that no such tragedy shall again befall members of the human race. While seeking to end the bitter legacy of World War II, the President hopes above all to bring about a stable peace when men can forever live in freedom and security from persecution."

Addressing a memorial meeting of the Federation of Jewish Underground Fighters Against Nazism at the Sheraton Atlantic Hotel here this afternoon, Dore Scharj, national chairman of the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League, said he was "appalled" by the failure of Polish authorities to acknowledge the preponderance of Jewish victims of Auschwitz at recent ceremonies at the site of the former death camp. The Federation includes survivors of a widespread Jewish resistance movement in Eastern Europe during World War II. Other speakers were Eleazar Lipsky, chairman of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, and Jerome D. Cohen, tri-state chairman of the Jewish War Veterans.

## Former German Occupation Official Feted by Jewish Survivors Whom He Saved

NEW YORK, May 7. (JTA) -- A group of Jews who escaped Nazi extermination during World War II tendered today a luncheon to a former German occupation official whose quiet heroism made their survival possible. The guest of honor was Eberhard Helmrich, now living in New York, who was an agricultural expert responsible for food production and distribution in the section of Nazi-occupied Polish Galicia around the town of Drohobicz.

Under the very noses of the Gestapo, he used his position to hide Jewish children in his home, shelter fleeing Jews on a vegetable farm he set up for that purpose, provide them with false papers and transport them in his own car. He is credited with the saving of some 70 lives. Today's luncheon was a bon voyage gathering for Mr. Helmrich, who will be leaving May 27 for Jerusalem to plant a tree in his own name on the Hill of Remembrance. Thirty of the people he saved, now living in the United States, have banded together to make it financially possible for Mr. Helmrich and his wife to visit Israel. During the luncheon he was presented with airline tickets and a check.

## Cornerstone Laid for \$3,100,000 Addition to Y.M.-Y.W.H.A. in New York

NEW YORK, May 7. (JTA) -- The cornerstone was laid here today for an eleven-story, \$3,100,000 addition to the 92nd Street Young Men's and Young Women's Hebrew Association. Mayor John Lindsay joined in the street ceremony which included placement of a "time capsule" in the cornerstone for the new Henry Kaufman building, which will occupy an entire block along with the older building. The area was re-named "Y Square" for the week starting today as part of the ceremony.

Mayor Lindsay also took part in some of the variety of activities marking the occasion. These included dancing on the street with senior citizen members of the Y, including a performance of the Hora, strolling musicians, a gymnast display and other activities illustrating the range of activities offered at the 92nd Street Y. The new building, which is scheduled to be opened in October, will include a Clara de Hirsch residence hall for girls, clubrooms, nursery, an art school, a music school, meeting and reception rooms and a recreation lounge on each floor.

## Dr. Abraham Katsh Appointed President of Dropsie College in Philadelphia

NEW YORK, May 7. (JTA) -- Dr. Abraham I. Katsh, director of the Institute of Hebrew Studies at New York University, announced today his appointment as president of Dropsie College for Hebrew and Cognate Learning in Philadelphia. Dr. Katsh, who has served on the faculty of N.Y.U. for the past 33 years, will take up his new post next September. He will be the third president of Dropsie, succeeding Dr. Abraham A. Neuman who retired last year. Dr. Katsh, who became N.Y.U.'s first professor of Hebrew in 1947, founded the university's Jewish Culture Foundation Library of Judaica and Hebraica.