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## **Eban Confers with U.S. Secretary of State; Insists on Reopening of Strait of Tiran**

WASHINGTON, May 25. (JTA) -- Israel Foreign Minister Abba Eban met today with Secretary of State Dean Rusk in an effort to determine what the United States will do to open the Strait of Tiran -- which, he said, was not only a national problem of Israel but an international issue. Mr. Eban also met with Undersecretary of State Eugene Rostow and Assistant Secretary of State Lucius Battle. He was expected to meet later tonight with President Johnson.

Mr. Eban made the point that it was generally agreed in his meetings in Paris and London yesterday that the Strait of Tiran must be reopened. He said the closure of the passage was a mutilation of geography which Israel "obviously can't accept." The issue is "grave for the whole world," he said, maintaining that steps must be taken to deal with Egypt's "illicit and arbitrary act." Mr. Eban came from London where he met with Prime Minister Harold Wilson. He conferred yesterday with President de Gaulle in Paris.

Meanwhile, British Minister of State for External Affairs George Thomson prolonged his stay in Washington and had discussions with Secretary Rusk on plans to keep the Gulf of Akaba open. Mr. Thomson also met this afternoon with Undersecretary of State Eugene Rostow and other experts now concentrating on the Mideast crisis.

Former President Dwight D. Eisenhower, under whose administration the American commitments on freedom of passage in Akaba Gulf were enunciated, said today that it was now a United Nations problem rather than a unilateral American matter. He said, "None of us should hurry to become involved."

A bipartisan group of 41 Senators and Congressmen today issued a joint statement supporting the pronouncement by President Johnson that the blockade is illegal. Ninety-six members of the U.S. House of Representatives issued a strong statement earlier pledging support of "whatever action may be necessary to resist aggression against Israel and to preserve the peace." The statement said the Administration must make clear to "those who are now bent on the destruction of Israel that the U.S. will take all necessary actions."

Chairman J.W. Fulbright of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee said today that he has concluded from available information that the Soviet Union holds the key to settlement of the Mideast crisis. He said the United States lacks influence in the Mideast "because of its primary preoccupation with the war in Viet Nam."

## **U.N. Secretary-General Returns from Talks with Nasser; Will Report to Council**

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., May 25. (JTA) -- United Nations Secretary-General U Thant was expected to return here from Cairo late this evening after his talks with Egyptian President Nasser in an effort to alleviate the tense situation which developed between Egypt and Israel following the withdrawal of the U.N. Emergency Forces from the Gaza Strip and Egyptian territory and the mining by Egypt of the entrance to the Gulf of Akaba with a view to blockading any shipping to and from the Israeli port of Eilat.

Originally, the Secretary-General's schedule provided for his return from Cairo tomorrow. No explanation for his early return was given today at U.N. headquarters. It was indicated that he will make a written report to the members of the Security Council on his talk with Nasser. A date for a further meeting of the Council will be fixed after Mr. Thant's consultations here.

From Cairo it was reported today that Nasser told Mr. Thant that Egypt is "ready to cooperate" with the U.N. peace-keeping objectives through the establishment of a U.N. Egyptian-Israel Mixed Armistice Commission providing Israel accepts the new status quo and refrains from using the Gulf of Akaba. (Israelis were inclined to regard United Nations Secretary-General U Thant's mission to Cairo as a failure. Observers in Israel had been increasingly skeptical of Mr. Thant's ability to bring Nasser into line ever since the U.N. official destroyed his own bargaining base by announcing he would yield 'to Nasser's demand to remove the United Nations Emergency Force from Sharm-el-Sheikh and the Israeli-Egyptian border even before Nasser formally made the demand.)

## Israel Sets Up Special Emergency Bodies in Major Cities to Control Services

JERUSALEM, May 25. (JTA) -- Observers here today characterized Foreign Minister Abba S. Eban's whirlwind tour of the Western capitals as the "last chance mission" for peace in the Middle East. Only speedy, effective action by the Western powers to compel President Nasser to lift the blockade he has proclaimed of the Gulf of Akaba, it was felt here, can forestall Israeli military action to reopen the vital waterway.

Meanwhile, special emergency committees have been set up in major cities to control essential services in the event of an emergency stemming from the current tense Middle East situation. Municipal officials have asked private car owners to provide transportation help because of a shortage of vehicles used in Israel's callup of reserves. It also has been proposed that women replace mobilized drivers in special essential transport services.

Israelis were preparing today for any eventuality. The Ministry of Education issued special instructions for safety measures in all the schools and procedures to be followed in the event the present tension erupts into a shooting war. Air-raid drills were held yesterday in a number of schools and will be held daily until the crisis is passed.

Air-raid shelters were hastily being made ready for use by the civilian population in the event of any contingency. Teams of housewives were organized to prepare the shelters already set up in apartment houses and private homes. There was a significant reduction in public bus services in Tel Aviv and other cities. Some routes were discontinued and the frequency of operation of others changed.

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry sought to reassure nervous housewives seeking to put in supplies of essential foodstuffs. The Ministry announced that the country had ample supplies of vital foodstuffs such as fats, flour and sugar. In many factories, women were seen today replacing men who had been called up for service during the crisis.

Officials said today that 50 Torah scrolls have been sent in the past few days to field synagogues opened for newly mobilized troops in southern Israel. More scrolls will be sent for services this coming Saturday. The scrolls were among several hundred recently received from Rumania.

Mr. Eban's first reports, following his meeting with President de Gaulle and Foreign Minister Couve de Murville yesterday were said here to have some reassuring aspects. Israelis were pleased, too, by the firmness of President Johnson's declaration and Washington's insistence that the Strait of Tiran must be kept open by force if necessary and were waiting for such clarification as Mr. Eban might get as to just how Washington visualized the attainment of this objective.

On this, the time element loomed as all important to most Israelis. Measures such as Washington indicated, it was pointed out, might take a long time and consultations could be protracted for weeks and even months. Israel, it was stressed, was not prepared to wait for a solution of the problem unless, in the interim the strait and her lifeline to the East were reopened for ships sailing to and from the port of Eilat.

## Israel to Form National Unity Government; Will Include Members of Ben-Gurion's Party

JERUSALEM, May 25. (JTA) -- Negotiations to establish a "national unity" Israeli Cabinet have reached the penultimate stage, according to reliable reports today. The reports said that the projected Cabinet will include two Ministers each from the opposition National Workers Party (Rafi) and the Gahal alignment of Liberals and the Herut.

Prime Minister Levi Eshkol has been meeting throughout the evening tonight with Ministers and with leaders of the two opposition parties. Among names mentioned as possible new Ministers were Moshe Dayan and Shimon Peres of Rafi, founded by former Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, and Arye Ben-Eliezer, Menahem Begin and Yosef Saphir of Gahal. Large sections of the population have been increasingly asking recently for such a Cabinet which it is felt would be more representative of the national feeling during Israel's current problems with Egypt.

## Arab Infiltrators Mine Road in Israel; Two Mines Explode; No Damage. Caused

JERUSALEM, May 25. (JTA) -- Israeli officials reported today that the Affuleh-Meggido road was mined last night in three places and that two of the mines exploded but that the third was found and defused by security units. The mines apparently were intended to blow up a bridge on the road but did not.

Footprints of one man leading to the Jordanian border nearby were found near the site of the first blast as were pamphlets of El Assifa, an Arab guerrilla group.

An Israeli Army spokesman denied today an Egyptian report that a clash took place last night near the Gaza Strip between elements of the "Palestine Liberation Army" and Israeli patrols.

## President Shazar Cuts His State Visit to Canada; Rushed Back to Israel Last Night

MONTREAL, May 25, (JTA) -- The Embassy of Israel in Ottawa announced today that President Shazar will curtail his state visit to Canada and will return to Israel tonight. He was to have left Canada next Sunday. The Canadian Federal Government has been informed accordingly as has also the Ontario Government where he was to have made an official visit tomorrow.

President Shazar deeply regretted that the Middle East situation made this decision inevitable and expressed his appreciation to all Canadian authorities for the warm welcome he received and for the arrangements made for his visit. President Shazar will depart by Air Canada to Paris and will proceed tomorrow morning via El Al to Tel Aviv.

Yesterday, President Shazar visited Quebec City where he was met at the airport by Lt. Governor General of the Province of Quebec, Hughes Lapoint, Prime Minister Daniel Johnson, Opposition leader Jean Lesage and by members of the Cabinet. He then proceeded to Laval University where he was received by Cardinal Leger and by Msgr. A. Vachon, rector of the university. At the university, President Shazar declared that he hoped the links of friendship uniting Israel and the French-Canadian population would prove effective now that Israel is in a grave situation.

The Lt. Governor General entertained the President at a reception yesterday afternoon and Premier Johnson gave a state dinner in honor of the President and his party. Members of Parliament, members of the Cabinet and, for the first time, members of the Jewish community, were invited to the dinner. Premier Johnson declared that he was aware of the significance of Jewish history, the modern and dynamic rebirth of Israel, which he highly admired. He pledged his support in the present difficult time and expressed the hope that peace would be restored in the Middle East.

## Attorney General of Brazil Finds Extradition Demand for Stangl Valid; Informs Court

BRASILIA, May 25, (JTA) -- The demands of Austria and West Germany for the extradition of Franz Stangl, wartime commandant of the Treblinka and Schibor death camps in Poland, are valid under Brazilian law, Attorney General Haroldo Valdao reported today to the Brazilian Supreme Court here.

Stangl, who was arrested in Sao Paulo last February, has been under maximum security detention since awaiting a Supreme Court ruling on the extradition requests. The Court must now set a date for a hearing and give its ruling. This was expected next week. Stangl has been accused of responsibility in the killing of 700,000 Jews in the two death camps.

## Study on Negro Anti-Semitism Shows They Prefer Jews to Non-Jewish Whites

NEW YORK, May 25, (JTA) -- A study sponsored by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith has found that to the degree that American Negroes distinguish between Jewish and non-Jewish whites, they prefer Jews and are less anti-Semitic than whites. The study was part of a five-year research project on prejudice conducted by the University of California Survey Research Center with an ADL grant.

Interviews for the study were made in 1964 with 1,119 Negro adults in four major urban centers -- Chicago, New York, Atlanta and Birmingham -- as well as in other metropolitan areas outside the south and from a representative cross section of the adult national population. Interviewing and sampling were done by the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago.

The study found that nationally, 24 percent of Negroes queried said Jewish landlords were better than other white landlords and seven percent said they were worse. In New York City, 17 percent thought Jewish landlords were better and nine percent, worse. In Chicago the percentages were 20 and six; in Atlanta, 31 and four and in Birmingham, 19 and four. Nationally, 20 percent said Jewish store owners were better than other white store owners and seven percent said worse. In Atlanta the percentages were 32 and four and in Birmingham, 28 and five.

The study found that 34 percent of the total sample said Jews were better to work for and 15 percent said Jews were worse than other whites; 70 percent said Jews were better than other whites on hiring Negroes and 45 percent believed that Jews were more in favor of civil rights than other whites while three percent felt that Jews were less in favor.

More than 80 percent of the total sample said they had never been treated unfairly by Jewish merchants, 62 percent said it was easier to get credit in a Jewish-owned store and nine percent said it was not easier. Forty-nine percent said Jews were easier on Negroes who fell behind in payments and 16 percent said Jews were harder. The remaining respondents saw no difference or said they did not know which was better.

The study found that where Jews do not predominate in the Negro ghettos, "the particular ethnic group that does is likely to be the recipient of economically-inspired hostility," specifically the Chinese in some west coast communities and Italians in New Orleans. Dr. Gary T. Marx, assistant professor of sociology at the University of California at Berkeley, who directed the study, said that subsequent studies indicated little or no shift in the attitudes reported on the basis of the 1964 interviews.

## Divisive Trends in Jewish Education Discussed at National Conference of Educators

ATLANTIC CITY, May 25. (JTA) -- Dr. Elijah Bortniker, president and executive director of the Jewish Education Association of Essex County today warned of some of the disruptive and conflicting trends which now obtain within the field of Jewish education and the Jewish community in general. He spoke at the opening session of the 41st Annual Conference of the National Council for Jewish Education, attended by more than 200 Jewish educators from all parts of the country. The Council Conference is meeting together with the National Conference of Jewish Communal Service.

Dr. Bortniker noted some of the positive developments that have taken place in Jewish education such as increase in the number of pupils in Jewish schools, the expansion of the all-day school, the growth in the study of the Hebrew language, growth of Jewish educational camping, and larger number of students enrolled in Hebrew high schools. "However, within the American Jewish community there seems to be a trend towards divisiveness and an emphasis on ideological differences rather than an emphasis on unity," he said. "Such differences tend to make for duplication of activities and fragmentation of purposes."

"We are breaking up into what are presumably components of the Jewish community, but actually into disparate and separate sub-units. Group differences are, of course, natural, in fact inescapable. But when these reach a stage of inability to work together in areas where common enterprise is essential, then we are facing an unfavorable prognosis," he stated. He urged the members of the National Council to be actively concerned with the community approach to Jewish education and to stress the need for unity.

The National Council for Jewish Education is the overall professional organization of Jewish educators in the United States. It comprises in its membership men and women in the profession of Jewish education in the administrative and supervisory positions of local and national Jewish educational agencies, principals of all types of Jewish schools, instructors in Hebrew high schools and Hebrew colleges and instructors in arts and crafts, dancing, dramatics and related fields. Membership includes representation of all ideological viewpoints and trends in American Jewish life.

## American-Israel Chamber of Commerce Presents Award to Ford Motor Company

NEW YORK, May 25. (JTA) -- More than 600 leaders of industry, commerce, banking and transportation reaffirmed tonight their support of Israel and their readiness to continue their investment and trade ties with the Jewish State. At the annual dinner of the American-Israel Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the representatives of a cross section of American business heard Nathan Straus III, chairman of the national executive committee of the Chamber, call on members to remember, and "remind others" of the large American stake in Israel's economy.

"Many thousands," he said, "have invested capital in Israel and several hundred American firms are sharing in Israel's economic growth. As clouds again gather ominously around Israel's borders, it is important that it be remembered that Israel -- with its many friends on the political and other levels -- also has devoted friends in matters of industry, commerce and economic viability."

The Ford Motor Company was presented with the Chamber's annual Award of Merit, on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of Ford's operations in Israel and the decision to start assembly of Ford passenger cars in Israel. Accepting the Award from Maxwell M. Rabb, president of the Chamber, Donald N. Frey, vice-president of Ford, reiterated his company's credo of "participation in the economic growth and the development of all countries where we are welcome. Israel," he stated, "is an outstanding example of the kind of economic progress that can be made by a country that accepts and promotes the free enterprise system."

## Israeli Pavilion at Expo '67 in Montreal Reopened; Closed Because of 'Threats'

MONTREAL, May 25. (JTA) -- The Israeli pavilion reopened yesterday after being closed Tuesday because of "threats" believed to have come from Arabs or others because of the crisis in the Near East. It was not clear whether the threats involved a possible danger of bombing, burning, or otherwise attacking the pavilion.

## Tree Sent as Gift from Israel to People of U.S. Planted in New York's Central Park

NEW YORK, May 25. (JTA) -- A Black Locust tree flown here yesterday from Israel was planted in Central Park this afternoon in ceremonies attended by city officials and members of the Israeli Consulate staff. The tree was a gift from the people of Israel to the people of the United States.

Israel Consul Ram Haviv, in making the presentation of the tree to August Heckscher, N.Y. City Parks Department director of horticulture, said the gift was "in grateful acknowledgement of the help given by Americans over the past 19 years in helping Israel's people live in peace, freedom and human dignity." Tree planting is a traditional activity in Israel on Lag B'Omer, which occurs on Sunday, when a massive Salute to Israel parade will be held here.