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## Israel Cabinet Member Wants Jordan River to Become Israel's Border

TEL AVIV, Aug. 16. (JTA)--Israel will agree with no interim arrangements with the Arab states but only to a peace agreement coupled with effective security arrangements, Minister of Labor Yigal Allon declared last night.

He urged the establishment of a Jewish presence in the Israeli-held west bank of the Jordan River in order to make the river the Israeli-Jordanian border. He stressed that the June war had given Israel "a historic chance to restore our historic border according to our rights and defense requirements." Mr. Allon spoke at the convention of Hakibbutz Hameachud, a countrywide organization of collective settlements. The new security arrangements must include not only demilitarized zones on the Israeli-Arab borders but also supervised zones and new frontiers that would provide Israel with geographic depth and strategic deployment, making it easy to defend those borders, the Minister said.

Meanwhile, it was announced today that the entire Gaza Strip and the northern Sinai area from El Arish to Abou Aveila will be opened to visitors next week. The announcement was made by Col. Motta Gur, Israel's military governor for the two occupied areas. Until now only the town of Gaza has been open to visitors.

Col. Gur said that there were still security problems stemming from "vast quantities" of firearms still held by Gaza Strip Arabs. He added that all efforts were being made to normalize life in the Strip but that these did not rule out measures to counter Arab infringements of security.

He said that, while destruction of houses where arms caches were found was "not an official policy," there was no denying that it proved very effective. He said that after one house was blown up for that reason, 70 Arabs came to Israeli authorities to turn in firearms.

## Israel Starts Processing Applications of Arabs Desiring to Return to West Bank

JERUSALEM, Aug. 16. (JTA)--Some 20,000 applications were received by Israel authorities by last night from the Arab refugees on Jordan's east bank of the Jordan River, who want to return to the Israeli-held west bank. Processing of the applications was under way today. The applications are being screened under a Government decision to keep out would-be trouble makers, potential saboteurs and overt resisters.

Radio Amman, operated by the Jordanian Government, said this morning that 150,000 applications have already been filled in, and that the total of refugees wishing to return to the west bank will number 200,000.

At the United Nations it was announced today that Secretary-General U Thant will issue at the end of the week a lengthy report on the humanitarian aspects of the Middle East situation as requested by a Security Council resolution of June 14. The document will combine two reports--one by Mr. Laurence Michelmore, the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine refugees, and the other by Nils-Goran Gussing, who was appointed personal representative of the Secretary-General to the Middle East on humanitarian problems. Mr. Gussing is still in the area, and will continue to be there for the time being.

## Israel's Rabbinical High Court Moves Headquarters in Jerusalem to the Old City

JERUSALEM, Aug. 16. (JTA)--Israel's High Rabbinical Court of Appeals became today the first Jewish institution to establish its headquarters in East Jerusalem--the former Old City. Later today, Yeshiva Benei Akiva also moved to Old Jerusalem, to a site near the Zion Gate made available to the institution by the Ministry of Religious Affairs. The Yeshiva has 30 students, some of whom are abroad.

The High Court rented quarters previously occupied by a Moslem school for girls. Sephardic Chief Rabbi Itzhak Nissim affixed a mezuzah to the front door of the building, and it became officially the High Court's headquarters. The first case heard by the court today concerned a divorce.

## Tito to Report to President Johnson on his Peace Talks With Arab Rulers

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16 (JTA)--Yugoslavia President Tito will send President Johnson "a complete summary of the Arab leaders' views on the Mideast crisis" when Tito finishes his tour of Arab capitals, according to a report from Cairo today. Tito will also send personal messages to leaders of Communist and non-aligned nations.

## Negro Extremist Group Continues Anti-Jewish Attacks; Condemned by Other Negroes

NEW YORK, Aug. 16. (JTA)--While further condemnations were voiced here today against the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee for its attacks against Zionism, Israel and Jews, leaders of this extremist, "black power" organization continued their attacks which have been widely termed "anti-Semitic."

Three of the SNCC leaders held a press conference at their headquarters in Atlanta, Ga., repeating the anti-Jewish allegations which SNCC had previously made in its newsletter. They said Jews were "imitating their Nazi oppressors, committing some of the same atrocities against the Arabs."

Ralph Featherstone, SNCC program director, said: "Israel is and always has been the tool and foothold for American and British exploiters in the Middle East and Africa." Miss Ethel Minor, another SNCC leader, told the press that the organization would expand on its anti-Israeli propaganda. The same attitude was voiced by Stanley Wise, executive secretary of SNCC.

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., declined in Atlanta yesterday to comment on the SNCC anti-Jewish attacks, saying he had not read the SNCC newsletter. He stated, however, that he was strongly opposed to anti-Semitism and "anything that does not signify my concern for humanity for the Jewish people."

Other prominent Negro civil rights leaders, as well as labor leaders, joined Jewish organizational leaders who condemned SNCC. Whitney Young, Jr., executive director of the National Urban League, compared the SNCC newsletter's views on the Israeli-Arab issue to those of the American Nazi Party, and declared: "Negro citizens are well aware of the contributions for equal rights by Jewish citizens. Negroes have been the victims of racism for too long to indulge in group stereotypes and racial hatred themselves."

A joint statement issued by A. Philip Randolph, president of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, and Bayard Rustin, executive director of the A. Philip Randolph Institute, said they were "appalled and distressed by the anti-Semitic article" in the SNCC newsletter. They declared that the SNCC attitude "reflects a complete divorce from the opinions and aspirations of the mass of American Negroes. The famous Negro singer, Harry Belafonte, said he was not surprised at the SNCC attitude. Mr. Belafonte has frequently supported pro-Israel causes, performing at fund-raising events on Israel's behalf.

Theodore Bikel, singer, actor and well-known participant in the civil rights movement, announced today he has resigned from SNCC because its charges against Israel, Zionism and Jews were "obscene." Noting that he had joined SNCC in 1962, and that "I am an American and I am a Jew," he said: "I am equally determined to honor the bonds of my ethnic and religious background." He charged that SNCC's leadership had "attempted to violate my commitments." He recalled that two of the SNCC martyrs who were murdered by racists in Mississippi in 1964--Michael Schwerner and Andrew Goodman--were Jews.

The Jewish Labor Committee said in a statement, that SNCC has now "irretrievably joined the anti-Semitic American Nazi Party and the Ku Klux Klan as an apostle of racism in the United States."

In Washington, Rep. Edna Kelly, New York Democrat, told the House today that there was no evidence to support the SNCC charges that Israel massacred Arab civilians. As a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, she said she was disturbed by the SNCC charges, and had determined that the State Department found no indication of truth in them.

## Trial of Nazi Who Developed System to Kill Jews in Gas Trucks Opens in Germany

STUTTGART, W. Germany, Aug. 16. (JTA)--Dr. Albert Wittman, a chemist who was an officer of Hitler's SS during the war, went on trial here yesterday on charges of murder of Jews and of being the scientist who had developed the Nazi system of asphyxiating people in trucks equipped with gas exhausts. The trial is expected to last about six weeks.

Wittman, 54, was accused by the prosecution, as the trial opened, of being responsible for the creation of the murder trucks in which, it was charged, "thousands of people perished." The court was told that he had devised the "speediest" method whereby victims could be killed by gas exhausts fed into the bodies of the trucks. As part of his work, it was stated, he had conducted experiments in the Minsk and Moghilev areas occupied by the German army in Russia in 1941.

## New York Jewish Youths Conduct 'Fast-In' on Sidewalks at Soviet Mission to U.N.

NEW YORK, Aug. 15. (JTA)--About 200 Jewish youths conducted a Tisha B'Av "fast-in" yesterday on the sidewalks across the street from the headquarters of the Soviet mission to the United Nations. Most of the participants--organized by the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry--silently sat on low "shiva" stools while a few of them picketed with placards denouncing Soviet anti-Semitism. Part of the demonstration was the display of a 10-panel exhibit depicting the plight of Soviet Jewry.

One of the specific examples of anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union cited by the demonstrators was the killing of Rabbi Mozgorshvili, of Souhomi, in the autonomous Soviet region of Abuchazia. The rabbi had been kidnapped; his mutilated body was found hanged in the local Christian cemetery.

## N.Y. State Law Banning Aid to Religious Schools Repealed at Constitutional Convention

ALBANY, N.Y., Aug. 16. (JTA)--Strenuous efforts to persuade New York State's Constitutional Convention to retain a 73-year old law that prohibits state financial aid to non-public schools were soundly defeated here last night after five hours of debate. The vote against retention of the old law--which could result in the provision of state aid to religious schools--was 130-48, with many Democrats and some Republicans and representatives of the Conservative Party joining the majority.

Jewish organizations in New York State have been divided on the issue. The American Jewish Committee and the American Jewish Congress supported retention of the old law, on the grounds that doing otherwise would violate the principles of separation of church from state. On the other hand, some Jewish organizations, particularly those of Orthodox persuasion, wanted the old law wiped off the books.

Joining the forces for retention of the old law were Catholic groups and some Democratic leaders such as New York's former Mayor Robert F. Wagner. The opposition against wiping out the old law was led by the Rev. Donald S. Harrington, state chairman of the Liberal Party and minister of the Unitarian-Universalist Community Church of New York. While the move initiated by Mr. Harrington was defeated decisively, the issue, however, was not yet closed. The leadership of the Republican minority in the convention is planning to put through a resolution under which the issue would be put before the state's entire electorate in a referendum.

### Jewish Groups Urge Voters to Defeat Repeal in November Voting

A joint statement urging the defeat by the voters next November of any State Constitution that did not contain the current ban on state aid to private and parochial schools was issued today by representatives of the American Jewish Congress, National Council of Jewish Women, The United Synagogue of America and the Protestant Council of New York.

"We believe the people of New York State do not want public funds to support church-connected schools," the statement said, "Giving state money to private or parochial schools means either robbing the public schools of their present support or imposing new taxes to meet huge new costs. We support the right of those who wish to provide their children with religious education, but we do not believe they have the right to call on all citizens of the state to support their sectarian schools through public taxation."

On the other hand, the Agudath Israel of America, an Orthodox group, issued a statement declaring that the repeal of the ban on state aid to religious schools at the New York State Constitutional Convention is "a sign of the new awareness of the necessity to remove all discriminatory legal bars to providing non-public school children with all benefits due them under constitutional rights." A similar statement was issued also by the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America.

## Public Opinion in Four European Communist Countries is Pro-Israel, Survey Shows

PARIS, Aug. 16. (JTA)--East European public opinion is overwhelmingly in favor of Israel in the current Arab-Israeli crisis, in striking contrast to the official strong anti-Israel position taken by all East European Governments except Rumania, the European office of the American Jewish Committee reported here today.

A survey of attitudes of several hundred East Europeans from Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland and Rumania visiting West Europe during June and July--carried out by responsible public opinion research institutes--revealed a widespread pro-Israel popular feeling closely paralleling public sentiment in Western Europe, the American Jewish Committee affirmed. The little support there was in Eastern Europe for the Arabs came mainly from members of the Communist parties with one significant exception--Rumania, the AJC continued. It added that Rumanian Communists reacted differently, tending toward a pro-Israel or neutral stand.

The interviews with the Eastern European visitors were conducted in the Western European countries. Those interviewed included 208 Hungarians, 179 Poles, 112 Czechs and Slovaks, and 78 Rumanians. The interviewees were by and large persons of larger cities, well educated and belonging predominantly to white-collar and higher occupational groups. With a few exceptions they were staying in the West temporarily and have already returned to Eastern Europe.

From 57 to 65 percent of the Eastern Europeans interviewed indicated a pro-Israel attitude in replying to the question "Where do your sympathies lie in the Arab-Israeli conflict?" The reply "With the Israelis" came from 57 percent of the Czechs, 65 percent of the Hungarians, 58 percent of the Poles and 59 percent of the Rumanians.

Favoring the Arabs were 13 percent of the Czechs, 9 percent of the Hungarians, 13 percent of the Poles and 10 percent of the Rumanians. Those expressing neutrality were percentages of 22, 19, 19 and 21 respectively by Czechs, Hungarians, Poles and Rumanians. Those not answering were, in the same order, 8, 7, 10 and 10.

The pro-Israel percentages compare favorably with those found in Western Europe, where the figures were 53 percent as compared with 58 percent for Eastern Europe as a whole. Pro-Arab percentages for Western Europe were 8 percent, and for Eastern Europe 12 percent. Those indicating a neutral stand or refusing to answer the question were 39 percent for Western Europe and 30 percent for Eastern Europe.

## Conference on Science Opens in Rehovoth; Representatives of 35 Countries Attend

JERUSALEM, Aug. 16. (JTA)--More than 70 leading authorities in the fields of health, public health administration and medicine convened here at the opening of the fourth "Rehovoth" conference on science in the developing nations. The parley is referred as the "Rehovoth" conference because its first gathering, at Rehovoth, was held seven years ago under the sponsorship of the Weizmann Institute of Science, whose president then was Foreign Minister Abba Eban.

Representatives of 35 countries at the opening conference last night were greeted by Israel's President Zalman Shazar and Mr. Eban. One of the principal speakers today was Dr. M.G. Candau, director-general of the World Health Organization, a United Nations Specialized Agency with headquarters in Geneva. Among the delegates were the Health Ministers of Madagascar, Dahomey, Rwanda, Gambia, Gabon, Lesotho, Kenya and Upper Volta. Rumania is the only Communist state represented. A delegation from Turkey arrived for the conference today.

In his opening remarks, Mr. Eban noted that Jerusalem was now "fulfilling her eternal historic vocation so soon after her danger and ordeal." He reminded his listeners that the first three Rehovoth conferences were devoted to the relationship of science to the developing countries. The conference, which convened on the Hebrew University campus for its first two days, will adjourn to its former site at Rehovoth on Thursday.

Dr. Candau told the conference that, despite unprecedented national and international aid to underdeveloped countries on a scale never known before, "the gap between the developing nations and underdeveloped lands is increasing. The main problem is the availability of knowledge to ensure the best use of resources. This is mainly a question of education."

## Leaders of World Jewish Youth Organization Open Conference in Israel

JERUSALEM, Aug. 14. (JTA)--A review of the global effects on Jewish youth because of the June war, the volunteering of Jewish youth and the strengthening of personal bonds with Israel was undertaken here at a meeting of the executive committee of the Jewish youth organizations around the world.

The group represents 70,000 organized Jewish youth organizations in 33 countries. Among the members of the executive committee are youth work leaders from North and South America, Europe, South Africa and Israel. Leaders of youth work on the Jewish Agency executive met with the youth leaders as they opened their conference today.

## Arab Students From Old City of Jerusalem Enroll in Hebrew University

JERUSALEM, Aug. 16. (JTA)--Nine Arab students who formerly lived in the Jordanian-held Old City of Jerusalem have enrolled for the next academic year in the Hebrew University, it was announced today. They had studied previously at universities in Cairo, Beirut and Munich. Their fields include mathematics, economics, physics and medicine.

The Arab students are now among 350 from abroad who started today to take an intensive course in Hebrew. Of the 350, about 100 are Jewish students who had come here as volunteers to aid Israel during the immediate pre-war and postwar days of the June conflict, and have decided to stay here for further studies instead of returning to their homes.

## U.S. Conservative Rabbis and Histadrut in Israel Announce Joint Projects

NEW YORK, Aug. 16. (JTA)--Several proposed joint educational and communal projects of the Rabbinical Assembly and the Histadrut in Israel, among them a synagogue-community center, were announced at a news conference here today. The announcement was made by Rabbi Wolfe Kelman, executive vice president of the Rabbinical Assembly, the association of Conservative rabbis, and Dr. Judd Teller, executive vice chairman of the American Histadrut Cultural Exchange Institute.

"We will recommend that the first project be the building of a synagogue in Haifa which would also serve as a Histadrut community center," Rabbi Kelman said. "We are confident that this project will prove successful and therefore, a variety of other joint projects will be inevitable. We also hope to extend our present policy of sending members of the Rabbinical Assembly to serve in communities in Israel by assigning volunteer colleagues as instructors in teachers' seminars under Histadrut auspices, and by encouraging our congregations in America to appoint teachers and youth leaders from the kibbutzim and youth movements to serve in our communities. We also hope to establish the very successful "Live-in-Seminar" at Bet Berl on a permanent basis, with a counterpart in America and Jerusalem to exchange views and fashion mutually helpful relationships."

The American Histadrut Cultural Exchange Institute sponsors seminars on college campuses throughout the country on questions of mutual interest to America and Israel, and conduct an institute at Arden House every winter.