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## Eban Says Present Situation Must Continue Until There Is Peace Agreement

TEL AVIV, Oct. 16. (JTA) — Foreign Minister Abba Eban returned tonight from New York to report to the Government and the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Committee on developments affecting Israel during the general debate in the United Nations General Assembly. He will report to a special Cabinet meeting tomorrow.

The foreign minister said that Israel policy would be for maintenance of the present situation until peace agreements could replace the cease-fire agreements and permanent borders replace the present cease-fire lines.

He told reporters at Lod International Airport that, while some governments still maintained a "negative attitude" toward Israel, there was increasing understanding among the governments of Israel's demand for permanent peace as a condition of agreement to any changes in the present situation.

## Washington Denies Rift With London On Steps To Resolve Mideast Conflict

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16. (JTA) — United States officials denied today London reports that differences had developed between Washington and Britain on the issue of Israeli withdrawal from cease-fire lines. The reports alleged that the British line is increasingly pro-Arab with the American view closer to the Israeli position.

The British were said to insist on the earliest possible Israeli withdrawal with no leeway for territorial adjustments. London's motivation appeared to be British oil requirements for the coming winter and the continued closure of the Suez Canal. The British Foreign Office was said to envisage a United Nations mediator appointed by the Secretary-General and a formula based on discussions under the 1948 armistice agreement.

The United States view was reported to be the same as expressed by President Johnson in June. Apparently, the Washington position remains that a lasting settlement requires some form of direct Arab-Israeli negotiations and that there can be no return merely to the pre-June situation.

Washington was said in the reports to have told London that there could be no return to the old situation because the previous frontiers were never recognized in peace treaties. Since the 1949 armistice was never implemented by peace treaties, Washington was said to see no value in negotiations based on the resumption of the old armistice.

Defense Department sources indicated meanwhile that Washington was not anxious to reopen the Suez Canal because it was an important channel for the flow of Soviet munitions from Black Sea ports to Haiphong in North Viet Nam.

State Department authorities said Ambassador Arthur J. Goldberg is meeting at the United Nations with Egyptian Foreign Minister Mahmoud Riad to follow up talks held recently between Secretary of State Dean Rusk and the Egyptians. Mr. Goldberg is said to be seeking direct negotiations but also exploring a settlement through a third party.

While spokesmen for both Britain and the United States insisted that no split had developed over accommodation with Nasser, it was apparent that the interests of the two nations differed. The anxiety of London to re-open the canal at Israel's expense did not appear shared in Washington. U.S. policy seemed to take a broader and more relaxed view of the situation.

## Beeley In Cairo To Seek Reestablishment Of British-Egyptian Relations

LONDON, Oct. 16. (JTA) — Sir Harold Beeley, former British Ambassador to Cairo, arrived in the Egyptian capital last night for talks with the Nasser Government as the personal envoy of Foreign Secretary George Brown. Sir Harold, who has been attacked by the Israeli press as "pro-Arab," told newsmen in Cairo that Britain wants to resume relations with Egypt "as fast as possible in all spheres—diplomatic, cultural and economic."

Meanwhile, it was announced here today that Yugoslavian Foreign Minister Marco Nizekic was coming here as the representative of Marshall Tito to discuss the Middle East situation with Mr. Brown.

(A dispatch from Belgrade quoted President Tito as telling India's Premier Indira Gandhi who arrived there last week, that action toward settlement of the Middle East crisis depends on the great powers, "especially on those which, by their attitude, are enabling Israel openly to make territorial claims and take a position more and more rigid." Tito warned that attempts by various maneuvers to prevent a solution and to force the Arab countries into accepting conditions which would mean their capitulation may only deteriorate the situation and render even more difficult the reaching of a constructive and just settlement which, we are deeply convinced, would be in the interests of all countries in the region.)

## Israel Complains To UN That Jordan Is Provoking New Incidents

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Oct. 16, (JTA) — Israel Ambassador Gideon Rafael protested to the Security Council today against the "new wave of incidents and continued propaganda and incitement against Israel by Jordanian authorities." He also advised Secretary-General Thant that his government had "incontrovertible proof" of Syrian involvement in subversive activities against Israel.

The complaint against Jordan, contained in a letter from Mr. Rafael to Security Council President Senjin Tsuruoka, of Japan, cited acts of sabotage perpetrated between October 1 and October 15. "In conducting activities of this kind," the Ambassador said, "the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan is acting contrary to its obligations undertaken in accepting the cease fire which prohibits military activities of any kind whatsoever whether conducted by regular or irregular forces. The Israel Government reiterates that it will observe the cease fire resolution on the understanding that all governments concerned will act in complete reciprocity."

In his letter to the Secretary-General, Ambassador Rafael referred to the "grave matter" of Syrian incitement and involvement in subversive activities against Israel. What is more ominous, he said, is the fact that Syria makes no reference to her willingness to observe the obligations undertaken by her under the cease fire.

## East Jerusalem Merchants Will Have To Pay Israeli-Scale Taxes

JERUSALEM, Oct. 16, (JTA) — Mayor Teddy Kollek of Jerusalem told Arab merchants doing business in the reunified sections of the city that they would have to pay the same taxes as all other business concerns in Israel have to pay. He told the grumbling merchants, however, that the new, higher rates would be introduced gradually. The Israeli taxes average out higher than the taxes assessed when East Jerusalem was in Jordanian hands.

Defense Minister Moshe Dayan, heeding the request of the mayor and leading citizens of Nablus, ordered the lifting of special restrictions imposed on that city after its merchants had heeded instructions from Amman radio and had shut their shops in observance of a general protest strike.

Curfew in Nablus was reduced to the same hours prevailing all through the West Bank area; Nablus shops that had been ordered shuttered were permitted to reopen, and permits to operate 65 Arab-owned buses were restored.

The Port of Gaza was opened to shipping yesterday for the first time since Israel occupied the Gaza Strip in June. The first shipment was a cargo of Gaza oranges bound for Yugoslavia aboard an Israeli freighter.

## Wilner, Israel Communist Leader, Attacked By Critic Of Pro-Soviet Line

TEL AVIV, Oct. 16, (JTA) — Meir Wilner, Communist M.K. and head of Israel's New Communist Party, was stabbed in the back near his home here last night. His assailant, who did not resist arrest, was identified as 47-year-old Abraham Ben Moshe, a Russian-born Israeli who said he had spent two years in a Soviet prison in Siberia because of his Zionist sympathies.

Wilner, who was hospitalized but out of danger, was attacked from behind as he left his home accompanied by his wife who grabbed the unresisting attacker. A taxi took them to the police station where Wilner received first aid and Ben Moshe was questioned.

He gave as his reason for the assault, Wilner's parroting of Soviet anti-Israel propaganda which he read in the press. "I didn't intend to kill him but I wanted to teach him a lesson," Ben Moshe told police.

## Israel's 20th Anniversary Celebration To Be Based On United Jerusalem

JERUSALEM, Oct. 16, (JTA) — United Jerusalem will be the focal point of next year's 20th anniversary celebrations of Israel's independence with a full scale military parade and restoration of the 700 year-old Ramban (Rabbi Moshe Ben Nahman) Synagogue in the Old City, the oldest known synagogue in Jerusalem.

The announcement of plans for Israel's 20th Anniversary Year, which will be officially inaugurated by President Shazar next Sunday, was made today by Dr. Jacob Hertzog, chairman of the Government Committee on Celebrations. He said that emphasis will be on the nation's ties with Jewish communities all over the world and on the impact of the Six-Day War.

On schedule are 45 international conferences to be held in Israel with an anticipated attendance of 15,000 people. The first large group, arriving this week, is the 600-member special mission of the United Jewish Appeal which will study the problems of immigrant welfare and absorption arising from the Six-Day War and its aftermath. Next month there will be Weizmann Day in honor of the late Dr. Chaim Weizmann, first president of Israel. In March, the Jewish War Veterans of the United States will hold its convention here. Also scheduled is a world conference of Jewish journalists.

The projected military parade in Jerusalem on Independence Day will mark the first time that Israel displays its full armed might in its capital city. Until this year, armistice regulations limited the number and type of weapons that could be paraded in Jerusalem.

## Israeli Fashion Show In London Scores Great Financial Success

LONDON, Oct. 16, (JTA) — The first Israel fashion show here, which closed yesterday, resulted in the sale of more than 500,000 pounds sterling (\$1,400,000) worth of Israeli exports, it was announced here today by Miss Ruth Kimmel, director of the fashion section of the Israel Export Institute. The total was nearly double the expected figure, she said.

Twenty-six Israeli manufacturers exhibited at the show. The orders were given not only by British merchants but also by others who had been flown here from France, West Germany, Holland, Sweden, Denmark, the United States, Canada, South Africa and Zambia.

## Socialist International Voices Concern Over Safety of Soviet Jewry

ZURICH, Oct. 16, (JTA) — The annual conference of the Socialist International, meeting here, expressed alarm today at the possible effects on Soviet Jewry of the "unprecedented" anti-Israel propaganda campaign that has filled the Soviet press since the Six-Day War last June and continues unabated.

The fear for the "well-being and security of the Jewish population in the USSR" was stated in a special report prepared by a distinguished panel of experts and submitted to the conference by Albert Acarthy, general secretary of the Socialist International. It was unanimously adopted along with a series of resolutions expressing solidarity with the people of Israel in their struggle for existence against aggression, calling for a negotiated peace between Israel and the Arab states and condemning the USSR for continued war propaganda and arms shipments to the Middle East.

The special report said that investigations show that much will have to be done before misgivings regarding the safety of Soviet Jews can be set aside. The extreme anti-Israel propaganda campaign in the Soviet press has now spread from provincial papers to the national press like Pravda, Izvestia, Trud, Krasnayazvezda and Krokodil, the report stated. "There has been no precedent in recent years for the virulence of this campaign in which Israel is depicted as conducting Nazi-like atrocities against innocent civilians and is accused of being the principal tool of criminal imperialist plots against the progressive countries of the Middle East, Africa and Asia."

The report also stressed the "lamentably inadequate facilities" for Jewish culture and literature in the Soviet Union in contrast to the opportunities afforded to other nationalities and minority groups.

## Minister's Attack On Jewish Religion Evokes Protests in Britain

LONDON, October 16, (JTA) — A violent attack against the Jewish religion, published in a Church of England parish magazine, drew sharp protests here today from Jews and non-Jews alike.

The attack was made by the Rev. George Nicholson, who had headed his magazine article "Synagogue of Satan." He wrote: "They (the Jews) have a messianic mission to establish by their stranglehold on world finance a Jewish-controlled government in Jerusalem on the strength of spurious interpretation of prophecy. Jewish ascendancy in America enables anti-Christ to subvert Supreme Court rulings and prevent religious instruction in the schools."

A copy of the magazine was received in the mail by Donald Black, a Jewish research scientist, who complained to the Board of Deputies of British Jews. The Young Liberal Federation of Southeast England protested against the article, and asked the Bishop of Oxford to dismiss Rev. Nicholson. The latter has denied he is anti-Semitic, stating that he had only drawn his attitude from the Bible. "I am not a racist," he said.

## JDC Operations In Poland To Halt On Dec. 31, Louis Broido Reveals

TEL AVIV, Oct. 16, (JTA) — Louis Broido, of New York, chairman of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, said today that JDC activities would be halted in Poland next December 31, at the request of the Polish Government.

The JDC was invited to begin a program of aid to Polish Jews about 10 years ago by the Polish Government. After the mysterious death in Prague last month of Charles H. Jordan, the JDC executive vice-chairman, the Polish Government notified the JDC that Polish Jewry did not need further aid. Mr. Broido said, The JDC is now active only in Rumania among East European countries.

## Rumanian Jews Send 865 Additional Torah Scrolls To Israel

BUCHAREST, Oct. 16, (JTA) — The Romanian Federation of Jewish Communities announced here today that it had sent to Israel 865 more Torah scrolls gathered from abandoned synagogues in this country, bringing the total of holy scrolls sent from Rumania to Israel in the last two years to 3,000.

The project for sending the scrolls to Israel was initiated by Chief Rabbi Moses Rosen, with the approval of the Government, in 1965. A ceremony will be held in Jerusalem next month, Dr. Rosen said, in which he will formally turn over the torahs to Israel's Minister of Religious Affairs, Dr. Zorach Warhaftig.

## Chief Rabbi Proposes Overall Survey Of British Jewish Community

LONDON, Oct. 16, (JTA) — Rabbi Dr. Immanuel Jakobovits, Chief Rabbi of the British Commonwealth, advocated today a comprehensive study of the Anglo-Jewish community "to survey the British Jewish community's overall resources, needs and services, with a view to modernizing its structure and securing its future." Dr. Jakobovits recommended this action at a conference of the Institute of Jewish Affairs, a research body associated with the World Jewish Congress, at the London School of Economics. The conference was attended by 70 community leaders and academic and intellectual personalities.

The survey, to be conducted by social scientists, might investigate "the relationship between Jewish religious observance and education and social stability with special reference to the incident of divorce, illegitimacy, crime, juvenile delinquency and drug addiction," Rabbi Jakobovits suggested. He explained that the study would deal with religious bodies — synagogues and educational institutions — and welfare and civil rights services. The investigation could lead to the adjustment and possible reorganization of community services "to meet the complexities and challenges of the future," Rabbi Jakobovits concluded.

Alderman Michael Fidler, President of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, welcomed the proposal and expressed the willingness of the Board of Deputies to cooperate with other bodies in the investigation.

## Argentine Jews Rally To Help Victims Of Disastrous Floods

BUENOS AIRES, Oct. 16. (JTA) — Argentine Jewry rallied today to the aid of an estimated 120,000 persons left homeless by disastrous flood conditions. The Buenos Aires Jewish community organization sent contributions to relief funds set up by the National Welfare Ministry and three hard-hit suburban communities. The DAIA, Argentine Jewish representative organization, called on its membership to assist in every way possible during the emergency. Special prayers for the flood victims were recited in synagogues here on Yom Kippur.

## Orthodox Jewish Group Calls For Approval of New Charter For New York

NEW YORK, Oct. 16. (JTA) — The Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America added its name to the list of Orthodox Jewish, Catholic and other groups urging voters to ratify the proposed new constitution for New York State. Joseph Karasick, president of the Union, based his call for support of the new charter on what he said were "the many ways it reverses long standing inequities in a number of areas" and because it "is a vast improvement over the current one."

Mr. Karasick's statement did not refer directly to the controversial article XI, 3—the Blaine Amendment — a 73-year-old prohibition on the use of state funds for church schools, which the proposed new constitution would repeal. It is repeal of the Blaine Amendment that has stirred widespread opposition to the new constitution by Jewish and other groups who see in it a weakening of the traditional principle of separation between church and state.

Proponents of the new constitution received powerful support when Governor Nelson D. Rockefeller broke with the Republican Party leadership in Albany last week to urge ratification because, he asserted, the good features outweigh the bad ones. The Governor's stand was sharply criticized by the New York Times. In an editorial, the newspaper stated: "We agree with the Governor that the community development program that would be authorized by the new Constitution would be a most progressive and socially desirable step. Unfortunately, however, at its core is a relaxation of the restrictions on gifts and loans which would permit the funneling of state funds into the construction of denominational schools. To this we are unalterably opposed."

Gov. Rockefeller said he favored repeal of the Blaine Amendment "because I see no reason why the New York State Constitution should be more restrictive in this regard than the Constitution of the United States." He promised that if the new charter were adopted, "I will appoint a high-level commission to make recommendations as to how this change in the proposed Constitution can best be implemented for the benefit of all the people of the state."

## Supreme Court To Rule On Taxpayers' Right To Challenge Church School Aid

NEW YORK, Oct. 16. (JTA) — The four sponsors of a major test case challenging the use of Federal funds for church-supported schools today hailed the action of the U.S. Supreme Court in agreeing to hear argument on the right of taxpayers to sue the Government over the expenditure of Federal funds. The four organizations — the American Jewish Congress, United Federation of Teachers, United Parents Associations, and New York Civil Liberties Union — said the high court's action today "paved the way to an authoritative judicial determination of the constitutionality of federal aid to religious schools." The suit was initiated in Federal District Court here on Dec. 1, 1966, by a group of seven taxpayers and residents of New York, all of them officers of the four sponsoring organizations. The chief issue in the suit is the use of funds under the Federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to supply textbooks for use in church-connected schools and to pay for teachers assigned to such schools.

A special three-judge Federal Court dismissed the suit last June, citing the 1923 Supreme Court decision in the *Fathingham* case, which broadly barred taxpayers' suits in Federal courts. An appeal was then taken to the U.S. Supreme Court, arguing that the earlier decision should be overruled and that in any case it did not apply to taxpayer suits based on the constitutional guarantee of religious freedom. It was this appeal that was upheld today by the high court in agreeing to hear argument on the question of standing to sue. The Supreme Court is expected to hear argument on the case some time in January, 1968.

## Israel Soccer Team, In American Debut, Defeats All-Star Squad

NEW YORK, Oct. 16. (JTA) — Israel's national soccer team, all of whose members saw action in the Six-Day War, routed the American Soccer League all-star squad by a score of 3 to 1 in an action-packed game before 22,232 cheering fans at Yankee Stadium here yesterday. The Israeli team "attacked as the borne by halfticks", according to one observer of the game, to chalk up their fifth victory in a row since leaving Israel. The game opened with the singing of *Hatikvah*, the Israel national anthem, and the Star Spangled Banner.

## Chief Rabbi of Moscow Sent New Year's Greetings To New York Rabbi

NEW YORK, Oct. 16. (JTA) — Chief Rabbi Yehuda Leib Levin of Moscow, sent a New Year's greeting to Rabbi Arthur Schneier, head of the Appeal to Conscience Foundation, in which he voiced hope for "peace and harmony amongst the nations of the world." Rabbi Schneier, who read the message to his congregation at Park East Synagogue during the Yom Kippur services, made its text public today.

## Dr. Isaac Grossman, Farband Medical Director, Dead At 80

NEW YORK, Oct. 16. (JTA) — Funeral services will be held tomorrow for Dr. Isaac Grossman, for more than 40 years the chief medical director of Farband-Labor Zionist Order. Dr. Grossman died yesterday at Mt. Sinai Hospital. He was 80 and had maintained an office for the practice of medicine until his retirement five years ago.