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Eshkol Confident Israel Will Receive American Arms; Rejects Return to 1949 Pacts

TEL AVIV, Oct. 18. (JTA) — Prime Minister Levi Eshkol said today that he had "every reason to believe" that the United States would live up to its signed agreements on the provision of weapons to Israel. He also expressed the hope that France would fulfil the commitments on arms deliveries to Israel it had made before the outbreak of the Six-Day War. France has embargoed all arms shipments to the Middle East since last June.

Mr. Eshkol, in an interview with the Tel Aviv daily, Yediot Achonot, did not specify what weapons were expected from the United States but it was assumed he was referring to the two squadrons of Douglas A-4 Skyhawk jet bombers Israel ordered last year for delivery this Autumn. State Department officials asserted in Washington yesterday that consultations with Congressional leaders would have to precede any decision on provision of weapons to the Middle East.

(Cairo dispatches today quoted Vice-President Aly Sabry of Egypt, visiting Egyptian towns on the west bank of the Suez Canal, as warning the inhabitants there to prepare for all eventualities "including renewal of fighting as ferocious as the political battle presently going on." Some London observers saw in this an intimation that Egypt was preparing to step up military activity along the canal, the east bank of which is under Israeli occupation.)

In the course of the wide-ranging interview, Mr. Eshkol commented on the many reports of proposals at the United Nations for a Middle East settlement and stressed that Israel would not accept a revival of the 1949 armistice agreements with Egypt, Jordan and Syria. These agreements, he said, had been rendered null and void by the Arab attack last June. The Prime Minister said that Israel was always ready to listen to advice on how to solve Middle East problems, "but we are not prepared to listen to advice from third parties who do not have the power and the possibility to carry out their advice."

Premier is Critical of 'Bevin Spirit' in British Foreign Office

Mr. Eshkol was particularly irked over the British position in recent days and said Britain, in seeking a Middle East settlement, was motivated by its desire to get the Suez Canal reopened so that oil could flow freely to Britain. He said it was painful to observe that the spirit of the late Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin, who took a strongly anti-Jewish position in the last days of the Palestine mandate, had been "revived in a Labor Government Foreign Office in 1967."

(In Washington, official American sources indicated today that the current talks between Ambassador Arthur J. Goldberg and Foreign Minister Mahmoud Riad of Egypt were primarily aimed at restoration of diplomatic relations between the two countries, terminated by Cairo last June. They said Egypt had taken the initiative in this move and said it could be a step towards a Middle East settlement.)

(At the United Nations, Corneliu Manescu, the Rumanian Foreign Minister and President of the General Assembly, told newsmen that a solution of the Middle East problem would have to be "equitable and acceptable to all parties." He said that in working toward a solution, he favored recourse to the Security Council followed by another debate in the General Assembly if necessary.)

Mr. Eshkol warned the Jordanian Government to end infiltration into Israel by marauders from Jordanian bases and intimated that if it continued, Israeli forces would pursue the marauding bands into Jordan. He cautioned, however, that "there is a time for everything."

Jordan Asks Security Council to Investigate Conditions on West Bank

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 18. (JTA) — The Kingdom of Jordan asked the United Nations Security Council today for an on-the-spot investigation of conditions in the west bank areas occupied by Israel during the Six-Day War. The Jordanian request — a riposte to an Israeli complaint yesterday that Jordan was inciting Arab terrorists in the Israeli-held territory — warned that "so long as Israel continues to occupy parts of Jordan, the situation remains a threat to world peace." The west bank territories were not part of the emirate of Jordan but were seized by Jordan in the 1948 War of Liberation.

The Jordanian note to the Security Council asserted that "it is only natural and logical that the Jordanian people under Israeli occupation should demonstrate their violent objection in the same manner as free men and women under Nazi occupation during the Second World War."

Pincus Says Free World's Jews Must Assume Burden of Refugee Aid

TEL AVIV, Oct. 18. (JTA) — Aryeh L. Pincus, Chairman of the Jewish Agency, told 550 members of the United Jewish Appeal study mission last night that "the Six-Day War did not solve any of the urgent problems facing more than 350,000 of Israel's recent immigrants from the African and Asian countries" and that Israel's security and postwar needs made it imperative that the Jews of the world, particularly American Jews, "bear the entire humanitarian program of immigrant aid and absorption."

The Jewish Agency leader spoke at a banquet to the visiting Americans who will make a 13-day survey of Israel's needs which American Jewry helps meet through the annual campaigns of the United Jewish Appeal. Edward Ginsberg, of Cleveland, associate general chairman of UJA, and Rabbi Herbert Friedman, executive vice-chairman, also addressed the mission. The main body of the mission arrived from New York yesterday in three chartered planes and joined the 150 members who had arrived here earlier.

Mr. Pincus warned the mission that "Arab intransigence" had aggravated the situation, pointing out that "as long as the Arabs refuse to talk peace, Israel must continue to remain partially mobilized." He stressed the need for Israel to replace equipment lost in the war and to meet the "heavy cost of continuing normal service in the territories which Israel now administers."

He reminded the mission that before the war, the Israelis contributed \$2 out of every \$3 spent for social welfare and assistance to immigrants. Now, he said, the Jews of the free world had to be asked to bear "the humanitarian burdens connected with immigration."

Mr. Pincus said that the first priorities of this absorption campaign were the construction of adequate housing facilities, an educational campaign which would eradicate widespread illiteracy among the immigrants, training programs to upgrade unskilled and therefore under-employed workers and the elimination of all other social ills which still exist among large sections of those immigrants the United Jewish Appeal helped bring to freedom.

UJA Mission Hails Religious Freedom Enjoyed by Rumanian Jews

BUCHAREST, Oct. 18. (JTA) — Prior to the departure of an 11-man United Jewish Appeal delegation for Israel yesterday, its leader, Edward Ginsberg, of Cleveland, said that the delegation was satisfied with the religious freedom enjoyed by the Rumanian Jewish community.

The group visited Rumania en route to Israel and met here with American diplomatic officials. It was received by Dmitru Dogaru, Rumanian Minister of Religious Affairs. The mission members attended Yom Kippur services at the Chorale Temple in Bucharest as the guests of Chief Rabbi Moses Rosen. Mr. Ginsberg addressed the congregation and conveyed greetings "from your brethren in America."

The delegation expressed gratification over the friendly cooperation between the Federation of Jewish Communities of Rumania and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee in the social welfare program the JDC established in Rumania.

Israelis Begin Celebration of Succoth-Simhas Torah Festivals

JERUSALEM, Oct. 18. (JTA) — Israeli families by the thousands moved out of doors tonight to take their evening meal in booths decorated with garlands of fall flowers and fruits as the seven day Succoth-Simhas Torah festival began here.

The Ministry of Religious Affairs has organized a pilgrimage to Mt. Zion in Jerusalem on Sunday where prayers for peace will be offered. The worshipers will then proceed to the Western Wall to mark Succoth at that holy site for the first time in 20 years.

Arab Terrorist Sentenced to 25 Years Under Emergency Regulations

JERUSALEM, Oct. 18. (JTA) — A military tribunal in Ramallah today pronounced a 25-year sentence on Raad Salman Khatib, an Arab from Abudis village, near Jerusalem, who was convicted of shooting at a civilian vehicle and a police patrol last August 24. The sentence was considered lenient inasmuch as the prosecution had demanded life imprisonment and the law allows the death penalty for the crime. The defense counsel pleaded that the accused had acted on the spur of the moment and had expressed sorrow for his act. Khatib was tried under the emergency regulations of the British Mandatory regime which both Israel and Jordan adopted when the Palestine Mandate was terminated.

Two Israelis, one a former soldier, were arraigned in Tel Aviv District Court on charges of espionage. They are Shimon Kramer, 30, and Meir Eliati, 27. Kramer is accused of crossing into Egypt through the Gaza Strip. Eliati, who served in an armored unit, is accused of having made contact with the enemy through the Egyptian Consul in The Hague.

Israel Planning Big New Oil Pipeline from Elath to Ashdod

TEL AVIV, Oct. 18. (JTA) — The Israel Government was reported today to be considering development of a 42-inch crude oil pipeline between Elath and the Mediterranean shore near the port of Ashdod. Israel now has a 16-inch pipeline carrying oil from Elath to Haifa where Israel's refineries are located.

No details were given on the extent of investment necessary for the proposed pipeline but it was learned that foreign capital would be involved. Such a pipeline would not only create possibilities for large scale transfer of oil via the Red Sea to the Mediterranean and thence to any European port, but would also cut costs of the oil transport. Both Elath and Ashdod have facilities to handle very large tankers.

World Zionist Congress to Convene in Jerusalem Next February

JERUSALEM, Oct. 18. (JTA) — The World Zionist Congress will convene in Jerusalem next February 19, it was announced here today. The Jewish Agency Executive will open a series of meetings right after the Succoth holiday to prepare for the Congress and to discuss basic questions facing the Zionist movement.

It was also announced today that Chaim Vinitzky, director of the Israel Office of the United Israel Appeal, has been appointed director of the Zionist Congress Bureau.

Outstanding Writers to be Invited to Jewish Journalists' Parley

JERUSALEM, Oct. 18. (JTA) — A world convention of Jewish journalists will be held in Jerusalem next February 12 to which leading authors and novelists from the United States and Europe will also be invited, it was announced by the World Bureau of Jewish Journalists here. The gathering, to be opened by Prime Minister Levi Eshkol, will provide a forum for an exchange of views on the functions and tasks of Jewish journalists and writers against the background of the Six-Day War and the upsurge of national spirit it aroused among Jews the world over.

Forest Dedicated in Honor of Nils Bohr, Famed Danish Physicist

JERUSALEM, Oct. 18. (JTA) — A 10,000 tree forest, donated by citizens of Denmark in memory of the late Dr. Niels Bohr, world famous nuclear physicist, was dedicated yesterday near Kibbutz Palmachim. The ceremonies were attended by Dr. Bohr's widow, by the Danish Ambassador and by Yakov Tzur, chairman of the Jewish National Fund.

Israeli, Russian Clash in U.N. Committee on Soviet Treatment of Jews

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Oct. 18. (JTA) — Representatives of Israel and the Soviet Union clashed bitterly here today in a discussion of the treatment of the Jews in the Soviet Union. Speaking in the Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee of the United Nations General Assembly, Israel accused Moscow of a campaign of "vituperation and attrition" against the Jewish people and of denying to Jews in the Soviet Union the same minimal rights given to other nationalities and religions. The Soviet representative angrily denied the charges and accused Israel of a slander campaign to mar the 50th anniversary celebrations of the Russian Revolution.

Mrs. Zena Harman, a member of the Israeli delegation, told the committee that "the tactics of the 'big lie,' permissible as the means to an important political end in Soviet policy, resorted to by Stalin, has again reared its ugly head."

Mrs. Harman said that "it is difficult to comprehend the policy of vituperation and attrition being wielded against my people. It is also regrettable that even those Jews wishing to maintain and perpetuate their cultural heritage in the Soviet Union are denied the same minimal rights and privileges permitted to other nationalities and religions in the Soviet Union itself. It is a fact," she added, "that in 1956, there were 450 synagogues in the Soviet Union and today there are only 62."

Mrs. Harman cited restrictions on Jewish religious and cultural activities. She charged that "there have been virulent, direct attacks against the Jewish religion as such and vicious attempts to denigrate the nature of the Jewish God, such as are contained in an article that appeared in Pravda Ukrainy, on September 6."

Likens Attacks on Jews to Material in Streicher's 'Stuerner'

Mrs. Harman cited sections of the Arab and Soviet press which were publishing cartoons "no less vile in their implications than those that appeared in the notorious 'Der Stuerner,' of the hate-mongers Streicher and Goebbels. The same press and mass media disseminates the slander of an international Jewish conspiracy, cosmopolitanism, a modern Stalinist version of the ugly and discredited 'Protocols of the Elders of Zion.'"

She mentioned the fact that these protocols were being printed and translated into several languages by a number of Arab countries. Mrs. Harman listed several former Nazis who had found "a welcome refuge" in Arab lands. She also deplored the attempt to equate anti-Semitism with Zionism as being "as vile and degrading a tactic as the worst kind of anti-Semitic assault."

An immediate reply was made by N. Nasimoswski, the Soviet delegate, who said Israel was engaged in stepping up a campaign of slander against the Soviet Union to mar the 50th anniversary of the Soviet Revolution. He said that charges of anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union were "nonsense and designed to distort the true picture" and asserted that Israel had never before directly named the Soviet Union in statements before the U.N.

The Soviet spokesman asserted that "there is no discrimination against Jews in the Soviet Union." He said "the fact that there are less synagogues today proves that there is a decline in religion in the Soviet Union." He asserted that there was no "Jewish problem" in the Soviet Union and that accusations to that effect were "sheer inventions. Our Jewish citizens are happy people," he declared.

Hermann Mirkin, Rabbi Edward Sandrow Join JTA Board of Directors

NEW YORK, Oct. 18. (JTA) — The election of Hermann Mirkin and Rabbi Edward T. Sandrow to the board of directors of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency was announced today by Robert H. Arnow, JTA president. Mr. Mirkin is president of Mirkin & Co., members of the New York and American Stock Exchanges. He is president of the Fifth Avenue Synagogue and a member of the board of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations. Rabbi Sandrow is rabbi of Temple Beth El, Cedarhurst, L.I., and is president of the New York Board of Rabbis.

Jews, Protestants, Catholics to Join in 'Interfaith Live-In'

DAYTON, O., Oct. 18. (JTA) — More than 130 Jewish, Catholic and Protestant clergymen and laymen and women will participate in a three-day interfaith "Live-in" for the "community of faith in the service of mankind" to be held here from October 22 to 25 at the new John XXIII Center for Christian Renewal.

The event has drawn participants from Dayton, Columbus and Cincinnati who will be joined by leading clergymen from other areas. Among these will be Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum, director of the interreligious affairs department of the American Jewish Committee; the Most Rev. Paul J. Hallinan, Archbishop of Atlanta; Father Demetrios Constantelos of Holy Cross Seminary; Dr. Elwyn Smith, editor of the Journal of Ecumenical Studies, and Mark Gibbs, president of the Audenshaw Foundation in London.

West Coast Theology Institute Unites Jews, Catholics, Protestants

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 18. (JTA) — The Graduate Theological Union of Berkeley, which embraces a Center for Judaic Studies and nine Protestant and Roman Catholic divinity schools, will be joined shortly by Alma College, the theological training center for Jesuit priests on the West Coast.

The announcement that the Jesuit seminary would relocate near the Graduate Theological Union was made yesterday after it was learned that the move was approved by the Superior General of the Jesuit Order in Rome. The announcement noted the "creative lead" taken by the San Francisco Bay Area Jewish community in the formation of the GTU which is adjacent to the University of California campus.

The religious schools participating in the GTU share a common faculty at the doctoral level. Catholic Jewish and Protestant students share study facilities and living quarters in a total ecumenical environment. The Center for Judaic Studies is headed by Rabbi David Winston, who holds degrees from Yeshiva University and Columbia University. He served as an Army chaplain and participated in archaeological work in Israel.

Festivities at Sde Boker to Mark Ben-Gurion's 81st Birthday Sunday

TEL AVIV, Oct. 18. (JTA) — Former Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion will celebrate his 81st birthday at Sde Boker next Sunday, the Negev village where Israel's elder statesman makes his home. The occasion will be marked by the dedication of a new teachers' seminary at the Sde Boker educational center. Some 100 prominent figures from all walks of life will be on hand to offer their felicitations to Mr. Ben-Gurion.

New York Jewish Veterans Oppose New Charter Repealing Church-State Ban

NEW YORK, Oct. 18. (JTA) — The New York Department of the Jewish War Veterans of the USA went on record today as opposing adoption of the proposed new Constitution for New York because it eliminates the Blaine Amendment, the 73-year-old prohibition against the use of public funds for parochial schools.

A special meeting of the department's executive committee today voted overwhelmingly to reject the proposed charter which will be submitted for approval in the November 7 election. A resolution adopted by the committee stressed that "we reject this document on the ground that an essentially basic element has been excised, namely Article XI, Section 3 (the Blaine Amendment) which guarantees the separation of church and state in education."

The resolution noted that since the entire charter was offered to the voters as "one package," the deletion of the Blaine Amendment left no alternative but rejection of the entire document.

A joint statement by State Commander Louis J. Klein and Benjamin Silverman, co-chairmen of the public affairs committee, stressed the belief that elimination of the barrier against use of public funds for parochial schools endangered the public school system which was "the catalyst which gave freedom of opportunity to a nation of immigrants and made possible the 'melting pot' which created a unity of identity and mutuality of purpose for persons of different national origins, ethnic backgrounds and religious persuasions."

The statement warned that public education needs continued to grow and that "syphoning-off such scarce funds for private and parochial schools would sound the death-knell for the public school system." It warned also that the effect would be "to create rivalries among the different religious faiths."

The statement noted that "although there may be good sections in the proposed Constitution, these can be adopted by amendment. The Constitution in one package, however, leaves no alternative to the rejection of the Constitution as a whole, because of its imminent and urgent threat to the principle of separation of church and state and the threat to the free, universal, tax-supported public school system."