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Eban Tells Knesset That 'Agenda for Peace' Is Ready; Sharply Criticizes USSR

JERUSALEM, Dec. 5 (JTA)—Foreign Minister Abba Eban told the Knesset (Parliament) today that the Israel Government had an agenda of peace proposals that it would present whenever peace talks with the Arabs come about. He declared, however, that Israel was "fully committed" to holding occupied territory until a peace settlement was achieved. Mr. Eban's address was in the form of a report on developments at the United Nations for the past few months and Israel's stand before the world body. In a discussion that followed, most speakers praised the conduct and achievements of Israel's U.N. delegation.

The Foreign Minister said that Israel was totally committed to work toward peace, and he sharply criticized Arab and Soviet leaders who are not equally committed. The Soviet Union, he declared, should divide its friendship equally in the Middle East region, instead of staging bomber flights over Cairo and should devote its efforts to disarmament instead of promoting an arms race. He said that, after every battle, Arab leaders grow nostalgic for the status quo ante. Before 1967 they wanted to return to 1947, and now they want to return to June 4, but they must realize that this will not happen, Mr. Eban said.

Israel's Labor Minister Reports Unemployment Has Passed Peak, Sees Further Improvement

JERUSALEM, Dec. 5 (JTA)—Labor Minister Yigal Allon told Parliament today that unemployment in Israel had passed its peak, and that the downward trend was expected to continue. Mr. Allon, who was replying to questions during a debate on the employment situation, reported that employment in the occupied West Bank region was no different than it was before the June war. There are unemployed, however, in the Gaza Strip and in the Sinai, he said, where many residents had been in the pay of the Egyptian army and the Egyptian Labor Ministry before the war.

Rep. Ryan Introduces Bill for U.S. Financing of Israel's Nuclear Desalting Plant

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 (JTA)—Rep. William Fitts Ryan, New York Democrat, introduced today a bill to finance a nuclear desalination plant in Israel, stating that the United States should give this undertaking "top priority." He recalled that President Johnson proposed cooperation with Israel on nuclear desalting in February, 1964, and noted that feasibility studies were conducted, and said that financing at low interest rates was now required.

The Ryan bill would authorize the United States to share construction costs through either loan or grant assistance to reduce the cost of water to a level which would make it economically usable for agricultural and industrial purposes. It would also authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter necessary agreements with Israel.

The proposed plant would produce 100 to 150 million gallons of fresh water, and 300,000 to 400,000 kilowatts of electricity daily. In Rep. Ryan's view, the plant would be a major contribution to stability in the Middle East, and allow Israel to continue growth and development. This, he said, "would serve as an example to the Arabs of what can be done in an atmosphere of peace and cooperation."

Polish Jews Reported Still Suffering Anti-Semitism Begun by Warsaw in June

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 (JTA)—The Washington Evening Star said today in an editorial that the after-effects of the June, Arab-Israel war were still being felt by the Jews of Poland and "anti-Semitism is likely to remain the order of the day in Poland as long as the men of the Kremlin deem it helpful to their ambitions in the Middle East."

The editorial said that, despite intraparty strains caused by his policy, Gomulka, the Polish Communist chief, appeared to be in firm control of the situation. The newspaper commented that "reliable reports leave little doubt that the Warsaw regime — as distinct from the popular masses — has been following an anti-Semitic policy ever since the war's end."

French Foreign Minister Says Only Great Powers Can Settle Middle East Crisis

PARIS, Dec. 5 (JTA)—French Foreign Minister Maurice Couve de Murville said today in an interview with the Paris newspaper, France Soir, that the U.N. Security Council's Middle East resolution of Nov. 22 "will solve nothing, but is a first step." He added that the Middle East problem must be settled on a political level with the aid of the great powers, but so far the powers have been unable to reach a common agreement.

Mr. Couve de Murville said he thought it was "curious" that people accused France of abandoning her neutrality in the Middle East just because, prior to the Six-Day War last June, France declared that she could not side with anyone who opened military operations.

De Gaulle's Anti-Israel, Anti-Jewish Remarks Continue to Evoke Sharp Criticisms

NEW YORK, Dec. 5 (JTA)—Reactions to French President Charles de Gaulle's attack against Israel and his thinly-veiled encouragement of anti-Semitism in general, as voiced at his Paris press conference on November 27, continued to pour in here today. From Paris and Rome, New York and Chicago and other points, non-Jews and Jews, including leading Frenchmen, criticized de Gaulle sharply.

In the French press, and among noted Frenchmen, the reactions to de Gaulle's anti-Israel and anti-Jewish attitude were severely critical. Raymond Heymann, of Strassbourg, prominent in the resistance movement during World War II, sent back to Gen. de Gaulle the medal he had received for his heroic war work. A well-known writer, Edoyard Brumont, compared de Gaulle's present stance to the utterances of notorious French anti-Semites and fascists. The International League Against Anti-Semitism announced in Paris it would meet tomorrow to consider de Gaulle's remarks.

The Paris daily, L'Express, published an interview with Menahem Beigin, leader of Israel's Herut Party and now a member of Israel's Emergency Cabinet, castigating de Gaulle. Mr. Beigin recalled that, in 1957, de Gaulle told him Israel's troops should not be withdrawn from the Gaza Strip, which Israel occupied during the Sinai campaign.

French Politician Sees 'Ignorance'; De Gaulle Hit Hard in Many Lands

In New York, Francois Mitterand, leader of the French non-Communist left — and the politician who ran second to de Gaulle in the 1965 presidential election — said his President's remarks show "just deep ignorance" about Israel and "its sociological and political realities."

In Italy, the de Gaulle statement continued to exercise most of the press. Il Tempo, of Rome, said de Gaulle was suffering from delirium tremens. Voce Republican, organ of the Republican Party, a member of the Italian coalition Government, likened de Gaulle to a "jackal." La Stampa said that de Gaulle, while correct on some points having nothing to do with the Middle East, was "decidedly wrong on others, particularly his accusations against Israel."

In New York, Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (Reform), charged de Gaulle with setting off "a percussion cap for anti-Semitism," saying he was either suffering from senility or employing "a shabby tactic to woo the Arab states for commercial gain."

In Chicago, Sen. Stuart Symington, Missouri Democrat, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, told an Israel Bonds meeting last night that Americans should cease buying French products or visiting France as tourists, as their response to de Gaulle's attitude. He implied he considered de Gaulle "a renegade, an enemy."

Argentine Jewish Leader Warns of Possible Resurgence of Neo-Nazism in Country

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 5 (JTA)—The president of DAIA, the central organization of Argentine Jewry, warned here today of a probable intensification of Arab League propaganda activities in Argentina, backed by heavy financial outlays and a resurgence of Nazi like nationalist groups in the country. But generally, according to Dr. Isaac Goldenberg, addressing the organization's plenary session, "the year, highlighted by Israel's victory in the June war, has been, happily, relatively quiet for Argentine Jews."

Canadian Jewish Congress Reports to Government on Nazi War Criminals in Commonwealth

MONTREAL, Dec. 5 (JTA)—The presence in Canada of alleged Nazi war criminals, including one who was sentenced to death in absentia, will be the subject of discussions shortly between representatives of the Canadian Jewish Congress and Canada's Department of External Affairs, it was disclosed in a report submitted to a meeting of the CJC's national executive, made public here today.

The Congress had alerted Canadian authorities to the presence of war criminals on Canadian soil, and the Department of External Affairs is in the process of getting a legal opinion from the Justice Department on the effect on the citizenship and immigrant status of the alleged criminals, the report said.

Winnipeg Police Seek Vandals Who Daubed Swastikas on Legislature Building

WINNEPEG, Dec. 5 (JTA)—Local police are searching for vandals who smeared the provincial legislative building here with swastikas and anti-Semitic slogans, the latest in a rash of such daubings that has plagued this city for a year.

Israeli Nazi Hunter Says There Are 20,000 War Criminals in U.S.A.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5 (JTA)—The man credited with locating Adolf Eichmann said in a radio broadcast here tonight that there may be as many as 20,000 Nazi war criminals living in the United States, and that top U.S. Justice Department officials have pledged their cooperation in tracking them down.

Toviah Friedman, head of the Documentation Center in Israel, disclosed on a program on WEVD that it cost the Israel Government \$2 million to locate the arch war criminal Eichmann, and that Israel has spent \$5,000 a year since the end of World War II to locate Karl Wolff, a former SS leader, who is now facing trial in Munich. Mr. Friedman said that German consulates in New York City and Toronto "are taking eyewitness testimony from survivors of Nazi concentration camps against 2,000 war criminals awaiting trial in Germany."

B'nai B'rith Adopts Record Budget of Over \$13 Million; Youth Items Up Nearly 45%

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 (JTA)—B'nai B'rith announced today a record \$13,261,656 budget for 1968, including \$5,927,168 — 44.7 percent — for its youth programs for Jewish teenagers and college students. The total budget, adopted by the organization's board of governors at its annual meeting here, represents a 5.5 percent increase over allocations for the present year.

Dr. William Wexler, B'nai B'rith president, reported it as the largest single increase in the organization's 124-year history, "reflecting the growth in B'nai B'rith affairs and in the Jewish community itself." The budget includes a combined increase of \$352,790 for B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations, now on 266 campuses with the addition of two new schools approved today; and expenditures for the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, which has 50,000 teenagers enrolled in 1,617 chapters, and B'nai B'rith vocational service in 20 metropolitan cities. These items also represented the largest single increase for B'nai B'rith youth work, Dr. Wexler said. The two new campuses approved for Hillel programs were East Carolina College, Greenville, N.C., and the University of Louisville.

The board also authorized architectural studies on proposals to build a \$1 million extension to its headquarters building here, and to construct a B'nai B'rith building in Jerusalem; and voted to participate in federally-regulated sponsorship of low-rent, nonprofit housing projects for senior citizens under a Department of Housing and Urban Development program. A senior citizens housing committee, which includes a number of housing specialists, was named to conduct site selections and market and feasibility studies for the construction of several pilot housing units for persons 62 years and older who live on limited incomes. The program is financed by Federal mortgage loans to organizations that qualify for the non-profit program.

In other actions, the board declared in a resolution that the "greatest service to the cause of peace" by Gunnar Jarring, the special United Nations emissary to the Middle East, would be to promote direct Arab-Israel peace negotiations. The resolution warned that "makeshift, indirect armistices" such as those agreed on in 1948 and 1956" will not work. Another resolution expressed concern over a renewed Middle East arms race, but warned that an embargo among Western nations of the sale of arms, particularly aircraft, to Israel, in light of the Soviet Union's massive replenishment of Arab arms, raised the threat of further military conflict.

A seminar of B'nai B'rith relationships with Israel concluded with recommendations for intensifying the organization's Israel programs and included, among other proposals, the promotion of Jewish immigration to Israel through work and study scholarships for Jewish youth, and integrated investment projects to assist Israel's economy with both capital and technicians.

Rabbi Says Campus is Jewish 'Disaster Area'; Cites Vast Increase of Inter-marriage Rate

NEW YORK, Dec. 5 (JTA)—The American college campus is "a disaster area for Jewish values and loyalty," and the Jewish community has so far failed to grapple with the "tremendous problem" posed by that situation for the survival of American Judaism, a New York rabbi asserted here today.

Rabbi Irving Greenberg issued the warning at the 10th annual conference on the relationship of the rabbi to the Jewish social worker, sponsored by the Commission on Synagogue Relations of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies. He said also that the challenge of college to all religion is particularly dangerous to Judaism because of the large and growing percentage of Jewish college students.

He noted that the American Jewish community was nearing the point of sending almost all of its young people to college. Citing as one of the major problems that of interfaith dating prevalent on the college campus, Rabbi Greenberg said that third-generation, college-educated American Jews have nearly tripled or quadrupled the intermarriage rate of the Jewish population in general.

Seven National Jewish Groups Oppose Draft Reclassification of 'Illegal' Opponents

NEW YORK, Dec. 5 (JTA)—Seven major national Jewish organizations called today on President Johnson to countermand Gen. Lewis B. Hershey's recent recommendation to local draft boards that they reclassify and induct draft registrants who engage in what the general called "illegal activity" to oppose the draft.

In a statement, the organizations strongly defended "the right to express dissent from the decisions of government," asserting that they "neither condone nor defend illegal actions," they said that "service in the armed forces of our country must never be viewed as a substitute for penal service, nor should any administrative official be permitted to impose punishment without judicial process."

Joining in the statement were: the American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Congress, Jewish Labor Committee, National Council of Jewish Women, Union of American Hebrew Congregations, United Synagogue of America, Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America.

Yeshiva University Opens Canadian Office; To Aid Communities Seeking Rabbis

NEW YORK, Dec. 5 (JTA)—Yeshiva University announced today the opening of an office of Canadian activities with headquarters in Montreal, in a move to extend the university's ties with the Jewish community in Canada.

Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of the university, also announced the appointment of Rabbi Karpol Bender of Kingston, Ontario, as director of the new service unit. Dr. Belkin said that the university's recent growth and expansion of its service activities has attracted an increasing number of students.

European Zionists Overwhelmingly Reject Plan to Restructure World Organization

BRUSSELS, Dec. 5 (JTA)—A Europe-wide Zionist conference which closed here today voted with virtual unanimity to strengthen the World Zionist Organization by the infusion of young blood, but not to alter its structure or modify its existing framework. The vote was a rejection of far-reaching plans for a re-organized WZO which are on the agenda of the next World Zionist Congress opening in Jerusalem next February.

The Zionist conference here, attended by 64 delegates and representatives of various groups from all parts of Western Europe, Scandinavia and Britain, debated the problem of the movement's future in light of the social and psychological orientation of today's Jews, and especially against the background of Israel's triumphs and problems arising from last June's Six-Day War. Also the subject of impassioned debate was the fundamental question of aliyah — Jewish immigration to Israel — which is one of the pillars of the Zionist movement.

The conference also adopted resolutions presented by the representatives of youth movements, students and volunteers calling for democratic elections within the Zionist movement, equal rights for their representatives on Zionist bodies; and better opportunities and improved conditions for the immigration of professional classes to Israel.

Another resolution adopted by the conference voiced the body's deepest regrets at French President de Gaulle's present position toward Israel which is contrary to the traditional friendship between the two nations.

The debate on the Zionist structure heard appeals for greater efficiency and dynamism. What is needed, speakers said, was less a change of structure than a take-over of leadership by younger men, and the adaptation of existing bodies to their new requirements. The resolution to that effect was adopted with only one dissenting vote.

Israeli Labor Zionist Leader Proposes Severance of WZO Functions from Jewish Agency's

NEW YORK, Dec. 5 (JTA)—American Zionists were told today of a plan to revitalize the World Zionist movement through a vigorous campaign for Zionist education and aliyah (Jewish immigration to Israel) from the affluent countries.

Yitzhak Korn, secretary-general of Ihud Olami, the Labor World Zionist Organization, now in the U.S. to enlist support for his program, told the American Zionist Council at a special meeting of its administrative committee, that the plan, which will be presented to the World Zionist Congress to open in Jerusalem on February 19, includes a personal pledge of aliyah and Jewish education by all who profess to be Zionists. Rabbi Israel Miller, chairman of the American Zionist Council, presided at the meeting.

Organizationally, Mr. Korn said, the present World Zionist Organization-Jewish Agency unitary structure under his plan will be divided into two parts. The new WZO would be restricted to those Zionists who pledge themselves or their families to personal aliyah within a period of from three to five years. The second, and larger group, the new Jewish Agency for Israel, will be a functional organization handling the material aspects of Zionist work — fund-raising and administering the expenditures in Israel and throughout the world of the immigration and absorption program in behalf of newcomers to Israel.

"Aliyah," Mr. Korn told the representatives of all nine Zionist organizations in the Council, "is, along with security, the prime priority in Israel. Without it, Israel cannot survive and prosper as a Jewish State, and give the new generation a challenge for Jewish survival. I therefore urge, on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the founding of political Zionism by Theodor Herzl and the beginning of the 20th anniversary year of the State of Israel, that Zionists devote themselves fully to meet Israel's major need and priority: the preparation of an educated and trained aliyah from the affluent countries of the west."

Mr. Korn said he feels that the Zionist movement achieved a major victory in establishing a Jewish State, but that, in the years since 1948, it has not had a real *raison d'être*. "Unless Zionism commits itself fully to a program for aliyah and Zionist education," he says, "it cannot long exist."

Histadrut Delegation in Chile to Strengthen Ties With Israel's Labor

SANTIAGO, Chile, Dec. 5 (JTA)—A three-member delegation of Histadrut is visiting Chile on a special mission to establish stronger bonds between Israel's labor federation and the labor movement in this country and to exchange ideas on labor problems in general. The delegation members are Yoshua Voshchina, Yamina Avidar and Naftali Glazer. Prior to coming here, the group visited Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo in Brazil.

The Israeli visitors have met here with the leaders of the Central Union of Chilean Workers and the Association of Chilean Workers, the two major trade union groups in the country. They were greeted by the Israeli Ambassador, Dr. Uri Naor, who held a reception in their honor.

Herut's Youth Movement Calls for Mass Immigration to Israel from West

ZURICH, Dec. 5 (JTA)—Herut-Hanoar, the youth movement of the Herut Party, called for mass immigration into Israel from the affluent countries of the West. Menachem Beigin, the party's head and minister without portfolio in Israel's coalition government, told the European conference here that the very existence of Israel depended on immigration.