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Prime Minister Eshkol to Visit Washington in February as President's Guest

WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 11 (JTA)—The White House announced today that Prime Minister Levi Eshkol will come to Washington early in February on an "informal visit" as the guest of the President and they will discuss "topics of mutual interest." It is believed that meetings between President Johnson and Mr. Eshkol will take place on Feb. 7 and 8.

Mr. Eshkol will probably stay in the Blair House, the President's formal guest facility across the street from the White House, it was learned. His visit was categorized as informal but he will be the guest of President Johnson.

At San Antonio, Texas, George Christian, spokesman for President Johnson, said "this will be a private visit."

Eban Sees No Likelihood of Resumption of War in Coming Months

JERUSALEM, Dec. 11 (JTA)—There is no reason to believe war will resume in the next few months, Foreign Minister Abba Eban told the Knesset tonight in summing up during a foreign policy debate. When the transition to peace is achieved, this will mean progress and not withdrawal, he stated. Holding on to the new territories may be a necessity, but it is not Israel's ultimate goal, he asserted, pointing out that the problem is not the territories, but their population.

Mr. Eban stressed that the dialogue with France is continuing, but he said that whoever sends arms to Iraq bolsters the strength of the forces aligned against Israel. Iraq has 20,000 soldiers near the cease-fire line inside Jordan, he said, and Iraqi officers train saboteurs who are infiltrating Israel. The foreign minister also said that a fruitful relationship with the United States is continuing. He expressed the hope there would be continuing personal contacts between Prime Minister Eshkol and President Johnson (this was an allusion to Mr. Eshkol's forthcoming visit to the United States in February, which had not been announced when Mr. Eban spoke).

All parties except the Communists and two splinter groups voted approval of Mr. Eban's statement. Four Communists voted against the Government and the right wing Free Center abstained. The Communists demanded inclusion and approval of the U.N. Security Council resolution, while the Free Center asked for immediate annexation and the settlement of occupied territories.

AFL-CIO Urges U.S. to Send Arms to Israel, Bids Arabs Negotiate With Israel

BAL HARBOUR, Fla., Dec. 11 (JTA)—Delegates to the seventh convention of the American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations adopted a resolution today calling on Israel and the Arab states to begin direct negotiations "with a view to ending the hostilities, fixing definitive and secure boundaries, and obtaining an equitable peace."

The resolution appealed to the United States Government "and all other democracies to provide Israel with the opportunity to acquire the arms needed for its security which is being threatened by the vast Soviet re-arming of the most bellicose Arab nations."

The resolution further urged that the United States give no economic or military assistance to any combatant government in the Middle East "which refuses to enter into negotiations for a permanent peace settlement without which there can be no economic progress or well-being for any nation in this pivotal region."

The resolution "implores" the United Nations and the more industrially developed countries to pledge adequate resources to speed the reconstruction desperately needed to overcome poverty in the Middle East and develop healthy, peaceful democracies there.

The resolution also expressed solidarity with Histadrut, the Israel Labor Federation, "on whom it counts to set the pace in helping the Arab population now under Israeli rule to attain equal economic, social and political treatment."

The resolution referred to the "ominous gravity" of the crisis in the Middle East and warned that continued Arab-Israeli hostilities threatened the peace of the entire world. It condemned the "subversive and aggressive role of Soviet imperialism which has been exploiting the misery and intensifying the antagonisms among the people of the Middle East and arming the aggressors, Egypt and the Syrian regime, in furtherance of its own ultimate aim of world domination."

The convention, representing 14 million American trades union members, also voiced condemnation of the Soviet rulers "for the latest expansion of their anti-Semitic policies within the USSR with the

aim of counteracting the great sympathy for Israel among the Soviet people and strengthening their base of influence in reactionary Arab circles which oppose most virulently peaceful coexistence with Israel."

The resolution deplored the fact that "despite its efforts, the United Nations has been unable to resolve the armed conflict in the Middle East or the urgently needed settlement of the refugees and other pressing social and economic problems."

No Advance Cabinet Clearance for Allon Retaliation Warning, Spokesman Says

JERUSALEM, Dec. 11 (JTA)—A Government spokesman said tonight that a foreign policy statement by Labor Minister Yigal Allon in Haifa yesterday had not been approved in advance by the Cabinet which has not yet established guidelines on the authority of ministers to express their views. Gen. Allon, who was a hero of Israel's 1948 war for independence, told a Haifa newspaper yesterday that Israel would retaliate in kind against any attack by Egypt on Israel's population centers.

The statement created a storm of public controversy and, reportedly, engendered private criticism of the Labor Minister in government circles for its implication that Israel might be expecting an Egyptian missile attack against its cities and would be capable of retaliating with missiles of its own. Mr. Allon had said that Israel could match any weapon Egypt acquired with the aid of a big power with weapons of her own acquired with or without big power assistance.

Some thought that Allon's statement constituted a breach of security. The daily Maariv said that if the Government has information to the effect that Egypt is plotting a missile attack, such information should have been disclosed by the Prime Minister or the Minister of Defense. Government officials declined to say whether they possessed such information apart from the public knowledge that Egyptians are being trained in the use of the Luna ground-to-ground missile and the Komar and Ossa type rocket-carrying boats acquired from Russia.

West Bank Arabs Seek Meeting With Jarring to Oppose Israel or Jordan Control

JERUSALEM, Dec. 11 (JTA)—West Bank Arab leaders will try to present their views directly to Ambassador Gunnar Jarring, the special U.N. representative to the Middle East, when he arrives here, it was reported today. It is considered highly unlikely that the U.N. envoy will meet with local delegations on his first visit to the area.

(Mr. Jarring is scheduled to leave his Cyprus headquarters tomorrow for Beirut on the first leg of a tour of the capitals involved in the Middle East dispute. United Nations sources said in New York that this trip was solely for the purpose of making contacts. It was considered unlikely that the envoy would be able to talk seriously with Israel and the Arab states until after the Arab "summit" conference opens in Rabat, Jan. 17.)

It is believed that the West Bank Arabs want to petition Mr. Jarring not only for an Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank but also to bar the return of Jordanian troops. Arab views, however, have not crystallized. There are those who oppose reunification of the West Bank with Jordan and want the establishment of a separate Palestinian entity, while others favor a return to Hashemite rule. Ambassador Jarring is expected in the Middle East later this week to meet with government leaders in Israel and the Arab capitals.

Autopsy Establishes that Pilot Shot Down in Jordan Was Beaten to Death

TEL AVIV, Dec. 11 (JTA)—Israel filed a formal complaint today with the International Red Cross against the murder of David Nevo, a fighter pilot shot down over Jordan during a clash November 21. His body, returned by Jordanian authorities only last Friday, showed evidence that he had been killed by blows from rocks and clubs. An autopsy was performed Friday in the presence of a Red Cross representative. It is believed that the pilot, whom Israelis had seen parachuting to the ground after his plane was hit, was attacked by Arab civilians.

The body was received by Israeli authorities with full military honors at the newly-repaired Allenby Bridge, near Jericho, and was brought to the late pilot's home at Kibbutz Yifat in the central Jezreel Valley, where his family and friends paid their last respects. Nevo is survived by his wife and two children.

Rumanian Trade Delegation Arrives in Israel to Negotiate New Agreements

JERUSALEM, Dec. 11 (JTA)—A Rumanian trade mission, headed by Minister of Foreign Trade Giorgio Ciora, arrived here today to negotiate trade, aviation and tourism agreements with Israel in a follow-up to the trade agreement concluded between the two countries last April. Negotiating for Israel will be a delegation headed by Minister of Trade and Industry Z. Sharef. Rumania is the only Communist-bloc nation that did not sever diplomatic and trade relations with Israel following the Six-Day War.

Last April's trade pact between Israel and Rumania was predicated on a \$20 million per annum movement of goods in each direction in place of the \$2-\$3 million trade movement hitherto. It included most-favored nations clauses and stipulated that goods are to be paid for in freely convertible currencies. The principal Israeli products sold to Rumania are citrus, textiles, fertilizers and asbestos. Rumania sells Israel meat, sugar, chemicals, iron and steel products and wooden crates to package oranges for export.

Liberal International Bids All Liberals Support Israel on Direct Talks

LONDON, Dec. 11 (JTA)—Liberal parties and liberal political leaders in all countries were urged today to support Israel's stand for direct negotiations with the Arabs as the only way to achieve peace in the Middle East. The call was issued by E. H. Toxopeus, of Holland, chairman of the executive of the Liberal International, following an address to that body by Joseph Saphir, Minister without portfolio in Israel's Cabinet, representing the Israel Liberal Party. Mr. Toxopeus warned that without direct negotiations leading to a settlement, the situation in the Middle East would worsen.

Sen. McCarthy Urges Five-Point Program to Secure Israel and Mideast Peace

GROSSINGERS, N.Y., Dec. 11 (JTA)—Senator Eugene J. McCarthy, of Minnesota, who is challenging President Johnson in the coming primary elections, called Sunday night for U.S. support of "the border adjustments necessary to assure to Israel the security to which that nation has the right." Sen. McCarthy also asked that the U.S. give assurance and stability "to those Arab nations that have shown an interest in peace and order."

He addressed the 42nd annual national convention of the Mizrahi Women's Organization of America, which presented him with the 1967 "America-Israel Friendship Award" voted to him last June by the 81-women national board of the organization.

The Senator's proposal was part of a five-point program recommended by him in his first major speech on the Middle East since announcing his candidacy. He pointed out that "the problem of an enduring peace in the Middle East can be solved only in the context of a positive United States foreign policy that aims at the reduction of tensions with the Soviet Union." He described the present U.S. policy in the Middle East as "a grave risk, not only to Israel, but to American security."

The Senator's five-point program called for recognition of Israel and its right to exist; affirmation of the international character of the Gulf of Akaba and the Strait of Tiran and the right of all nations to use the Suez Canal; a moratorium or limitation of arms for the Middle East; new vigor in solution of the Arab refugee problem, and international cooperation and guarantees of borders to both Israel and the Arab states.

House Republican Leader Gerald R. Ford, in a message to the convention, said that he was "discouraged by the grudging and very slow movement of the Administration to ship promised and vitally-required arms, especially jet planes, to Israel, to balance the massive resupply by the Communists of some Arab nations."

The Michigan Republican charged that "this vague and weak response to Israel's life-or-death needs can only encourage Arab truculence and further Communist penetration. More than the fate of Israel is at stake. The national security interests of our United States are directly involved."

Senator Clark Says Administration Should Provide Deterrent Arms to Israel

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 11 (JTA)—Sen. Joseph S. Clark, Pa., Dem., called on the Johnson Administration last night to offer arms to Israel to deter Nasser from a new attack. He told a meeting in Montgomery County that "this is the only honorable course for us, and it is the only sensible course as well. We must not repeat the mistakes of the past and permit Israel's enemies to force upon her a peace settlement which is only a prelude to the next war."

The senator declared that "Israel's security will not be bargained away for a cheap and easy peace. The right to recognition of the State of Israel as a full-fledged member of the world community of nations is not negotiable."

Six-Day War Taught Nasser Despot Could Not Destroy Israel, Says Sen. Pastore

NEW YORK, Dec. 11 (JTA)—Senator John O. Pastore (D.-R.I.) said last night that Egypt's President Nasser had learned "in only six short days" that the story of Israel could not "be demolished by a mad power — or at the hands of a despot."

Speaking at the annual Hanukkah Dinner of Yeshiva University, Sen. Pastore added praise of Jewish contributions to science, declaring "it is no empty platitude to say that the zeal and skill of the Jewish scientists has been the light of life to our own age."

Three prominent New York civic and philanthropic leaders Louis Danenberg, president of the Danenberg Foundation, Eugene Hollander, president of the New York Nursing Home Foundation, and Henry Richard, a business management counsel, were honored at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel dinner.

Canada Discontinues Special Facilities for Prospective Jewish Immigrants

MONTREAL, Dec. 11 (JTA)—The Canadian Government Department of Immigration announced today it would discontinue special facilities in North Africa and the Middle East for Jews proposing to emigrate to Canada. The department advised the Canadian Jewish Congress that this action would be in accord with the new immigration regulations that entered effect last October abolishing discrimination on ethnic or geographic grounds. Previously, the government had sent two special missions to North Africa to process the applications of Jews desiring to enter Canada.

The department said that the new regulations made such special arrangements "inappropriate," and that, consequently, they would be terminated.

French Poll Claims Wide Public Agreement With de Gaulle's Expressions on Jews

PARIS, Dec. 11 (JTA)—Forty-four percent of the French people agree with Gen. de Gaulle's characterization of the Jewish people and 30 percent agree with his contention that Israel is an expansionist state, according to a poll taken by the weekly magazine, L'Express. Thirty-five percent disagree with the French leader who said at a press conference here Nov 27 that the Jews were always a domineering people who created ill-will.

The poll, however, apparently did not reflect the feelings preponderant in French political, academic and intellectual circles where de Gaulle's statements on the Jews and Israel drew storms of protest and expressions of revulsion. Two prominent Gaullists today took issue with the French leader, one of them expressing regret over what he called the birth of French anti-Zionism which follows the Soviet anti-Zionist line.

Jacques Baumel, former secretary of the UNR Party, declared that "every Frenchman must fight against anti-Semitism," adding that "each nation has a right to exist, especially the smallest ones which are the most threatened." Jean Lecanuet, president of the Centre Democrat, accused the de Gaulle government of renewing the Middle East conflict.

Noted French Author Assails de Gaulle for 'Unbelievable' Anti-Jewish Statements

NEW YORK, Dec. 11 (JTA)—President Charles de Gaulle of France "may or may not be an anti-Semite" but his statements about the character of the Jewish people, made at his press conference last month, are "unbelievable and harmful," Mannes Sperber, noted French author, said here last night. Mr. Sperber spoke at the annual dinner of the World Federation of Bergen Belsen Associations when he accepted the 1967 Remembrance Award for "excellence and distinction in literature."

He told the assemblage that "the tragedy of de Gaulle is that he is an undefeated victor" and warned that "he remains faithful to the ideology of his youth and may even go back to some evil lesson of his former masters — for instance the anti-Semitism of Charles Maurras — the Maurras who was to the end of his life one of the leading ideologists of Petain and his Vichy regime."

Josef Rosensaft, president of the federation, reported that the federation is resisting attempts of the French authorities to open the unmarked mass graves at Bergen Belsen to find and remove the remains of 139 French nationals for reburial in France. He said this would be "a desecration of the memory of the martyred dead" and promised that "we shall never allow the graves of Belsen to be opened and desecrated."

JWV Leader Condemns Tactics of Demonstrators Against Viet Nam War

NEW YORK, Dec. 11 (JTA)—Louis Klein, commander of the New York State Jewish War Veterans, denounced the "Stop the Draft Week" effort by which foes of the Viet Nam War have been trying to shut down the Army Induction Center in lower Manhattan. He told a meeting of the state JWV executive committee that the JWV respected the individual's right to dissent but that it condemned actions which would paralyze the authority of the President if they were successful.

United Hias Honors Former President, Murray Gurfein, For Crisis Leadership

NEW YORK, Dec. 11 (JTA)—The United Hias Service honored its former president, Murray J. Gurfein, yesterday for "inspiring leadership during one of the most trying periods in the agency's history." An award, a framed copper repousse, was presented to Mr. Gurfein by incumbent president Carlos L. Israels at the 38th annual conference of the United Hias Council of Organizations attended by more than 400 delegates from fraternal, labor and religious organizations at Hias headquarters here. Mr. Israels commended Mr. Gurfein "for serving effectively as a spokesman for Jewish migrants during a critical decade that included the Hungarian revolution, the Sinai campaign, the Cuban revolt and the Algerian war."

Canadian Parley Is Told This Is Time To Intensify Interfaith Dialogue

MONTREAL, Dec. 11 (JTA)—Canada's first conference of Catholics and Jews was told today that this was the time to increase Jewish-Christian dialogue, not to reduce it because of disappointment with the failure of the church to react to the threat to Israel's existence last May and June. Addressing a Judeo-Christian Institute at Loyola University here, Joseph L. Lichten, director of intercultural affairs of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, noted that "Christian-Jewish encounters are the channel to true understanding." He said they "cannot be jeopardized because of one's specific issue, however grave." The issue itself — in this case, Israel and the world Jewish response to it — he said, must be included in the dialogue.

The institute was co-sponsored by Loyola and the B'nai B'rith ADL office here. About 250 clergy and laymen attended its sessions.

Meany Announces AFL-CIO Will Take \$10 Million in Histadrut Debentures

BAL HARBOUR, Fla., Dec. 11 (JTA)—George Meany, president of the American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations, announced today that the American labor movement would fully subscribe to \$10 million in debentures of Histadrut, the Israel Labor Federation. The proceeds will be used to expand Histadrut's cooperatives in Israel. Mr. Meany's announcement was made at a special luncheon today attended by top officials of the 14-million member American labor organization, Aharon Becker, secretary-general of Histadrut, who is attending the AFL-CIO convention, was present at the luncheon.