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## Israel's Cabinet Lays Down Guidelines for Eshkol's Visit With President Johnson

JERUSALEM, Jan. 1 (JTA) -- Israel's insistence on direct peace negotiations with the Arabs, and her refusal to withdraw from occupied Arab territories until a peace treaty is signed, will be conveyed by Prime Minister Eshkol to President Johnson when they meet in Texas January 7 and 8. These were the guidelines laid down for the Prime Minister's American visit at a Cabinet session here last night, and announced in a communique issued this morning, signed by all Cabinet members.

The communique also expressed hopes for improved relations between Israel and the United States and Canada. Great Britain was not mentioned in the communique because there has been no official announcement of the Prime Minister's intention to visit there on his way home from the U.S.A. Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir will be acting Prime Minister during Mr. Eshkol's absence.

## Rusk Expected to Join Johnson-Eshkol Talks; Defense Officials Reported Also Invited

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1 (JTA) -- Secretary of State Dean Rusk is expected to participate in the talks between President Johnson and Israel Prime Minister Levi Eshkol to be held at the LBJ Ranch in Texas next Sunday and Monday, official sources indicated here today. Another participant will be Lucius D. Battle, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs. Officials of the Defense Department are also reported to have been invited.

The Washington Post stated today that Mr. Eshkol is coming here in hopes of obtaining an American commitment to sell new arms to Israel, especially Phantom jets, and that Administration sources indicate Mr. Eshkol is not likely to go home empty-handed. According to the Post, however, these Administration officials say that President Johnson has as yet made no firm decision. In his talks with Prime Minister Eshkol he must take into consideration the coming visit to Cairo of Soviet Communist Party boss Leonid Brezhnev, the Arab summit conference at Rabat this month, and the mission of the United Nations' special envoy to the Middle East, Ambassador Gunnar Jarring. "Thus," the Post said, "he is unlikely to go all the way with Eshkol."

## London Plays it Cool on Possible Eshkol Visit After Parley With LBJ

LONDON, Jan. 1 (JTA) -- A British Foreign Office spokesman, commenting on reports that Prime Minister Levi Eshkol would visit London for talks with Prime Minister Harold Wilson after his visit to the United States this month, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that the Foreign Office had no information that Mr. Eshkol would stop over in London.

The spokesman said that, if Mr. Eshkol did visit London en route home from the United States, "we would certainly hope that arrangements could be made for him to see the Prime Minister or the Foreign Secretary or both." The report of the possible meeting with Prime Minister Harold Wilson emanated from press sources in Jerusalem.

## London Reports U.S.A. May Alter Stand on Arms to Israel After New Study

LONDON, Jan. 1 (JTA) -- The United States will supply additional weapons to Israel if a survey of Soviet arms shipments to the Middle East, to begin this month indicates that the balance of military power is tilting toward the Arab world, the Evening Standard's Washington correspondent, Jeremy Campbell, reported today. Mr. Campbell said the study was ordered in wake of reports that Russian pilots are flying MiG 21 fighters and medium-range jet bombers over Egypt and Syria.

"While the United States is not convinced that Arab arms have enough military muscle to begin another Mideast war tomorrow, officials admit that the approaching review of the arms situation may change their minds," Mr. Campbell reported.

## Israel's New Army Chief Rules Out Soviet Fighting in Mideast At This Time

TEL AVIV, Jan. 1 (JTA) -- The possibility that Israel may some day have to fight "foreign armies" from outside the Middle East--Soviet forces by implication--was raised today by the new Chief of Staff of Israel's armed forces, Maj. Gen. Chaim Bar-Lev, in his first press interview since assuming his new post. But the veteran of last June's Six Day War declared that, while Israel's army is sufficiently trained and experienced to meet the most modern armies in the world, he did not "envisage any intervention--physical and active--by a foreign power against us." Such power, he said, will continue to train and equip the Arab nations, "but there is a long way from this to an actual fighting force."

Gen. Bar-Lev met the press following a morning of military parades at army posts all over Israel, which marked his take-over of command from Maj. Gen. Yitzhak Rabin, retiring Chief of Staff. Both military leaders issued orders of the day to their troops. Gen. Rabin, in his final order, warned that "it cannot be said with certainty that the June war was the last war." He cautioned further that

security cannot be achieved "simply by offering a hand of peace, but first and foremost by being prepared for war at all times," Gen. Bar-Lev, in his first order of the day, noted that, while the Arab states are "still licking their wounds, they are already talking of a new round, apparently having not given up their ambition to destroy Israel."

The new Chief of Staff elaborated on this subject at his press conference. He also discussed the problem of increasing Arab terrorist activity, and said that it was "certainly a possibility" that Israel would retaliate against such acts by taking countermeasures "across the borders." He disclosed that some 700 terrorists have been captured by Israeli security forces since the June war.

### Arab Terror Stalks Wide Area from Jordan River to Gaza Strip

TEL AVIV, Jan. 1 (JTA)--A mortar attack from across the Jordan River, aimed at Kfar Ruppin in the Beisan Valley early this morning, and a two-hour exchange of fire later in the morning between Jordanians and Israeli forces on the West Bank, about 10 miles north of Damiyah Bridge, ended a New Year weekend in which terrorist activities were otherwise centered on the Gaza Strip and the town of Gaza. According to a military spokesman, there were no casualties on the Israeli side of the latest incidents. The mortar attack occurred at 3 a.m. The exchange of fire began at 8 a.m. and lasted until 10.

In the Gaza Strip, the military governor imposed a curfew Saturday -- lifted this morning -- after two persons were injured by hand grenades thrown Friday night near a movie and a coffee house in the town of Gaza. One person was fatally injured Saturday morning when police were forced to fire into a mob that was beginning to riot outside the labor exchange at Raffash, in the southern Gaza Strip. Earlier, an Israeli half-track was damaged when it struck a mine near Kahn Yunis, an important road junction just outside the Gaza Strip. Another mine was found nearby and dismantled. Curfews imposed on Kahn Yunis and on the village of Beth Hanoun were still in effect this morning, as a search for the terrorists continued.

The driver of a private car in the Golan Heights was wounded by a sniper Friday, but managed to drive to a military post where he received treatment.

In another type of terrorist activity, a bazooka shell was fired Thursday night into the home in Ramallah of Dr. Hamdi El Farouki, a local Arab leader. Damage was slight and there were no casualties. Israeli authorities said the shell was a warning to Dr. El Farouki, who is regarded as a "moderate" by Arab terrorist gangs.

A military spokesman said that a search is still going on for terrorists who planted a mine which killed one Israeli soldier and injured three others near the Gaza Strip last Thursday. Meanwhile, two terrorists were captured in northern Israel on Friday, believed, according to a military spokesman, to be the ones responsible for blowing up a pylon which caused a black-out of electric power in the Beisan Valley a week ago. They may also be part of a gang which sabotaged a field shack on the slopes of Mt. Tabor in central Galilee last week. Tracks of other suspects were found leading to the Jordan River.

### 33 of 46 Security Council Meetings in 1967 Devoted to Middle East

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Jan. 1 (JTA)--The Middle East crisis dominated the deliberations of the Security Council in 1967, with 33 of its 46 sessions during the year devoted to events in that part of the world, the United Nations reported today. The busiest months were June and November, when the Security Council held 17 and 12 meetings respectively on the Middle East. In 1966, the Council held a total of 70 meetings, of which 28 were concerned with the Middle East.

The composition of the Security Council changed today, as a new slate of non-permanent members began a two-year term. They are Algeria, Hungary, Pakistan, Paraguay and Senegal, which replaced Argentina, Bulgaria, Japan, Mali and Nigeria. The president of the Council for January is Ambassador Agha Shahi, of Pakistan who replaced Chief Adebo, head of the Nigerian delegation. The presidency rotates each month among all members of the 15-nation body.

### 23 Christian Prelates Attend Shazar New Year Fete in Jerusalem

JERUSALEM, Jan. 1 (JTA)--President Zalman Shazar conveyed last night Israel's New Year greetings to Israel's Christian communities. He offered the greetings in the presence of prelates meeting at his residence. They included two patriarchs, 11 archbishops and bishops, and 10 other religious leaders. Of the main Christian religious leaders, only the Latin Patriarch was absent. Ten other Catholic dignitaries who did attend were unable to explain why the patriarch was absent. Greek Orthodox and Armenian patriarchs, who live in Old Jerusalem, did attend.

Reiterating Israel's pledge to ensure freedom of access to all shrines to members of all faiths, the President also said Israel would repair damages suffered by churches during the June war. Greek Patriarch Benedictus, replying for the clergymen, expressed the hope that love and understanding would prevail in the Holy Land. He said the status quo of the holy places must be preserved.

Later, Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek gave a reception at City Hall on the triple occasion of Chanukah, Christmas and Id ElFiter, the last day of Ramadan. Members of the three religions mingled in a friendly atmosphere. Lay members of both Christian and Moslem communities attended, but Moslem religious heads were absent. Moslem lay leaders said their religious leaders shunned social affairs during the holy month of Ramadan.

## Zionist Leaders to Meet Next Month on Future Structure of Movement

JERUSALEM, Jan. 1 (JTA)--A conference of Zionist leaders from Israel and abroad will be held here at the end of February to discuss proposals adopted at the plenary session of the Jewish Agency executive, which ended yesterday, regarding the future structure and program of the World Zionist movement. Those proposals call for an expanded Jewish Agency which will enlist the support of all sections of the Jewish people on behalf of Israel, and for the creation at the same time of an elite group within the movement, made up of Zionists personally committed to aliyah-immigration -- to Israel.

Aryeh Pincus, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, summed up the plenum proceedings yesterday by observing that there is no contradiction between working for aliyah on the one hand and fostering Jewish education in the Diaspora. The Zionist movement, he said, "must not be restricted to the exclusive few who are willing to undertake the personal obligation of aliyah. It is still the only organization capable of serving as a bridge between Israel and the Diaspora."

The "exclusive few," however, will be accorded "preferred status" under the new proposals, which call for the establishment of a "personal" or "practicing" Zionist movement. The February meeting will be attended by 30 Zionist leaders from abroad, and 15 to 20 Israelis. It will last three days.

## Milder de Gaulle Casts Self as Peacemaker for Middle East, Viet Nam

PARIS, Jan. 1 (JTA)--President de Gaulle asserted here last night, in his traditional year-end address to the nation, that, on the strength of his past policies, he would ultimately be able to bring peace to the Middle East as well as to Viet Nam.

Without mentioning either Israel or the United States by name, but referring to his policies of opposing Israel's role in the Middle East and the American role in Southeast Asia, he declared that the warnings he had issued to both Israel and the U.S.A. had proved justified by events. All sides are now coming around to his views, he stated, and "all signs indicate, therefore, that we shall be in a position to contribute most effectively to international solutions."

In his address to the nation, which was televised, Gen. de Gaulle avoided all the harsh terms he had previously employed, either against Israel and the Jews or against the U.S. role regarding Viet Nam. His castigation of Israel and Jews in general, at a press conference here last November, had aroused much world criticism as well as the opposition of many Frenchmen in public life.

## Ex-Nazi Says Martin Bormann, Three Other Hitler Aides, Alive in Latin America

LONDON, Jan. 1 (JTA)--Martin Bormann, Hitler's deputy, is alive and taking refuge in a small town in southern Brazil, near the Paraguayan border, the Sunday Times stated here yesterday on the basis of a report from a former corporal in the Nazi SS.

The ex-corporal, Erich Karl Wiedwald, told the newspaper he had last seen Bormann at Montevideo, Uruguay, in 1965. He claimed he had helped Bormann escape from Berlin after the Nazis were defeated in 1945. He named three other prominent ex-Nazis who, he said, were living in South America.

These men are Gen. Richard Glucks, a Nazi officer responsible for the property of gassed Jews, allegedly living in Chile, where he had "passed" as a Jew; the infamous Dr. Josef Mengele, who had been the "selection" doctor at Auschwitz; and Heinrich Mueller, the immediate superior of Adolf Eichmann. Wiedwald was quoted as saying that Mengele lives in Paraguay, while Mueller lives in northeastern Brazil.

## Ancient Synagogue, Which Nazis Guttled, Restored, Returned to Amsterdam Jews

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 1 (JTA)--The 677-year-old Maastricht Synagogue, the second oldest in Europe, which was looted and partially destroyed by the Nazis during World War II, was returned to the surviving Jewish community here today, completely restored at the expense of the municipality.

During the occupation, the Nazis removed from the synagogue 500 liturgical objects made of copper, silver and gold, wrecked the Ark and inflicted structural damage on the building. The synagogue and religious objects have now been restored in every detail. The Maastricht Synagogue was completed in 1290. It is exceeded in age only by the Old-New Synagogue in Prague, Czechoslovakia, which was built in the early part of the 13th Century. But the remnants of the historic Jewish community here is small.

Also but a fraction of its former size is the Jewish community of Edam, where a monument was unveiled today in memory of the Jews who were deported by the Nazis during the occupation.

## Justice William O. Douglas Received by Chief of Israel's Supreme Court

JERUSALEM, Jan. 1 (JTA)--United States Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas was received here today by the president of Israel's Supreme Court, Justice Simon Agranat. Justice Douglas also met with Aharon Becker, secretary general of Histadrut, Israel's federation of labor; and David Horowitz, Governor of the Bank of Israel.

## Queen Elizabeth Honors Jewish Physician for Services in Australia

LONDON, Jan. 1 (JTA)--The Queen's New Year Honor List included a knighthood for Dr. Abraham Fryberg, for services rendered to medicine and public health in Australia.

## Chanukah Festival for Israel Bonds Ends Season With Total Attendance of 54,000 Persons

NEW YORK, Jan. 1 (JTA) -- This season's third and last Chanukah Festival for Israel Bonds, an annual series of events sponsored by the Greater New York Committee for the State of Israel Bonds, was performed here tonight at Madison Square Garden before an enthusiastic capacity audience of 18,000 persons. Two other festivals were conducted last month. Since the previous performances were also sold out, admission being granted only to purchasers of Israel Bonds, this season's total attendance was estimated by the committee at approximately 54,000 persons.

The festivals this year marked not only the traditional celebration of Chanukah but also Israel's 20th anniversary. Max Abrams is campaign chairman for the Greater New York Committee, and Jack D. Weiler, secretary-treasurer of the Israel Bond Organization, was Chanukah Festival chairman for the season.

A number of America's leading stars of stage, screen and television participated in the performances, for which dramatic segments were written by Henry Denker, a well-known Broadway playwright and a novelist. Original ballets were performed by the Sophie Maslow Dance Group. The productions were supervised by Hi Brown, prominent radio and television producer. Music was performed by the Festival Philharmonic under the direction of Maurice Levine. Stage design and lighting were by Sam Leve, and costumes were created by Jerome E. Boxhorn.

### Chanukah Menorah Shines on Wall Street at Headquarters of Bank Leumi

NEW YORK, Jan. 1 (JTA) -- Chanukah shone forth again on Wall Street tonight--as it has for the last week--in the window of the Wall Street headquarters of the New York branch of Bank Leumi, Israel's oldest and largest bank.

Flanked by the Israeli and American flags, and spotlighted, there was a contemporary Chanukah menorah in terra cota by Ruth Jonas Bardin, a painter and sculptor here. The artist, who had been a pioneer in the 1930's in Palestine, where she had revived the ancient art of hand-loom weaving, loaned the menorah to the bank for this year's Chanukah observance.

## Polish-Jewish Actor, Member of Kaminska Troupe, Defects; Protests Warsaw Anti-Semitism

NEW YORK, Jan. 1 (JTA)--The youngest member of Ida Kaminska's Jewish State Theater of Poland, which recently completed a successful tour of the United States, is seeking political asylum here after defecting because he does not want to live in a country where his relatives were murdered and where he is treated as a second-class citizen.

Henryk Grynberg, 31, gave these reasons at a press conference, for not returning to Poland with the Yiddish troupe when it left New York December 19 after an eight-week engagement. Grynberg and his non-Jewish wife, the Polish actress Krystyna Walczak, are now in Beverly Hills, Calif., where they are staying with Grynberg's mother, Mrs. Sophie Towarzek, who immigrated to the United States eight years ago. He said that he planned to report to U.S. immigration officials promptly.

The young actor said that his father, his younger brother, two uncles and five aunts were slaughtered by the Nazis in Poland during World War II. He and his mother survived by hiding in the forests. His visit to the United States was his fifth trip abroad with the Kaminska troupe since he joined it in 1959. He had always returned to Poland from the previous trips and said that he would have done so now, had he not been a Jew, in order to fight with other intellectuals against the repressions of the Communist regime. But, if you are labeled a Jew, he said, it is difficult to do anything in Poland.

Mr. Grynberg told of the anti-Zionist campaign with overtones of anti-Semitism launched by the Polish Government after last June's Arab-Israel war and of how Polish authorities censored articles and stories he had written about Israel and Jewish life in Poland, and warned him not to depict Israelis as heroes.

Mr. Grynberg said that, since last June, anti-Semitism has grown in Poland. He also said that Polish newspapers and periodicals frequently quote "pseudo scientists" who try to show cases in which Jews brought about their own extermination by the Nazis. He said he hadn't spoken out until now because he didn't want to harm the Kaminska troupe.

## Leader of Jewish War Veterans Ends Visit to Battlefields in Viet Nam

SAIGON, Jan. 1 (JTA)--The national commander of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States, Samuel Samuels, has completed a week-long tour of the battlefields, during which he visited with Jewish and non-Jewish American servicemen on the occasions of Chanukah and Christmas. Mr. Samuels said he was impressed by the high morale of the soldiers and Marines, and thought that the war was "going well." He said that he was also pleased with the progress of the pacification program in Vietnamese villages.

## Dr. Benjamin Benari, Educator, Author, Labor Zionist Leader, Dead at 59

NEW YORK, Jan. 1 (JTA)--Dr. Benjamin Benari, Hebrew educator and author, and a leader in the Labor Zionist movement, died here on Friday at the age of 59. Dr. Benari had been administrative assistant at Seward Park High School in New York City. He was born in Poland, where he attended the Mir Yeshiva before coming to the United States with his family in 1922. He joined the Labor Zionist youth movement in 1932, and later held executive posts in the LZOA and the Farband-Labor Zionist Ord