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Eshkol Arrives in N.Y. Today en Route for Meeting With President Johnson

NEW YORK, Jan. 3 (JTA)--Prime Minister Levi Eshkol of Israel is scheduled to arrive here tomorrow afternoon for a visit during which he will spend two days conferring with President Johnson in Texas and also meet many of the top Jewish leaders in the United States.

Accompanied by Mrs. Eshkol, the Premier is to land from an El Al Israel Airlines plane at John F. Kennedy International Airport at 3:45 p.m. tomorrow. He will be met by ranking representatives of the State Department, personal representatives of Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller and Mayor John V. Lindsay, as well as by leaders of national Jewish organizations who planned to greet him upon his arrival.

His entourage will include his military aide-de-camp, Col. Israel Lior; Dr. Yaacov Herzog, director-general of the Prime Minister's office in Jerusalem; Moshe Bitar, deputy director-general of Israel's Foreign Ministry; his political secretary, Adi Yaffe.

After the formalities of the airport reception to be tendered to Mr. Eshkol, he will be taken to the Airport Synagogue, where he will be greeted by Jewish leaders.

On Friday, he will meet for about an hour with Secretary-General U Thant, at the United Nations, after which Mr. Thant will be host to a formal luncheon honoring the Israeli visitor. At the same time, a luncheon will be given in honor of Mrs. Eshkol by Mrs. Gideon Rafael, wife of the Israel Ambassador to the United Nations.

Saturday morning, Mr. and Mrs. Eshkol will attend Sabbath worship at the Fifth Avenue Synagogue. That night, they are expected to attend one of Broadway's theaters.

Leaves for Texas Sunday; To Spend Two Days at LBJ Ranch

The Prime Minister will leave JFK Airport Sunday morning, in a plane put at his disposal by President Johnson, to fly to Texas. The President and Mr. Eshkol will confer at the LBJ Ranch later Sunday and during the day Monday. It was expected in Washington circles that Secretary of State Dean Rusk and ranking officials of the Defense Department would join the talks at the ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Eshkol are due to return to New York Monday night. After a network television appearance Tuesday morning, and a meeting with prominent magazine editors, Mr. Eshkol is to visit Yeshiva University Tuesday afternoon. Later, he will meet with the Conference of Major American Jewish Organizations; and will receive representatives of Jewish youth organizations. Tuesday night, Mr. and Mrs. Eshkol will be guests of the board of directors of the Metropolitan Opera Company at a performance of "Carmen." There will be a reception in their honor during the intermissions of the performance.

Wednesday morning, Mr. Eshkol will receive the degree of Doctor of Hebrew Letters in ceremonies at the New York branch of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. Later, he will deliver a major address at a luncheon at the Overseas Press Club, and then he will meet members of the Council on Foreign Relations in a closed conference.

To Meet with Agency, Zionist Leaders; Off to Canada Friday

Thursday morning, Mr. Eshkol will be visited in his New York hotel suite by Gov. Rockefeller, and then visit the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. At noon, he will be given a reception on the steps of City Hall by Mayor Lindsay and, later, he will meet with New York members of the Jewish Agency executive and with the American Zionist Council. That night, he will attend a dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel tendered by an ad hoc committee of Jewish organizational leaders in the United States. Friday morning, he will meet with leaders of the American Jewish Committee.

He will depart from the J. F. Kennedy International Airport Friday afternoon for Canada, where he will visit Toronto, Montreal and Ottawa. He is scheduled to leave Canada on Wednesday, January 17.

(Israeli sources in London said today that Mr. Eshkol will stop over in the British capital on his way home from Canada, will meet Prime Minister Harold Wilson and, possibly, also with Foreign Secretary George Brown. He is expected to deliver an address at a meeting opening the campaign of the Joint Palestine Appeal, at Grosvenor House, in London, and then return to Israel.

(In Jerusalem it was said Mr. Eshkol had to be back no later than January 21, to attend the first convention of Israel's united labor party, created by the merger of the Mapai Party, Ahdut Avodah and Rafi, the Israel Workers Party.)

New Chief of Staff, Foreign Minister Warn Israelis of Long, Difficult Struggle

JERUSALEM, Jan. 3 (JTA)--Israelis were told today that there is no sign of peace on the horizon and that they must cultivate strong nerves to weather the storms that lie ahead. The dim view of peace prospects was taken by Maj. Gen. Chaim Bar-Lev, new Chief of Staff of Israel's armed forces, who told a group of officer graduates at a base somewhere in Israel that "for the Israeli Army, the war is not yet over." The warning of a long, difficult struggle ahead, before a settlement is achieved with the Arab countries, was voiced by Foreign Minister Abba Eban in a statement this afternoon to the Knesset (Parliament).

Mr. Eban spoke in reply to an agenda motion by S. Tamir, of the right-wing Free Center faction, who demanded clarification of Israel's stand on occupied territories before Prime Minister Eshkol's departure for the United States tomorrow and his talks with President Johnson. The Free Center regards all occupied territories as part of Israel, and has been calling for "legal and practical steps" to affirm it.

Mr. Eban's request to strike the motion from the agenda was adopted by all members, except those of the Free Center and Haolam Hazeh factions: after the Foreign Minister called on all Israelis to "be wary of panic-mongers who accuse the Government of weakness or wavering." He noted that the Knesset has always supported government policies by large majorities and urged the maintenance of a united front.

Mr. Eban stressed that the Government's position with regard to future boundaries has not changed, and that there will be no statement on future frontiers until direct peace negotiations begin with the Arabs, "but the struggle to achieve this will be long and difficult."

Gen. Bar-Lev, in an address to new officers and officer candidates, said that, while the Arabs may not be continuing their call for the destruction of Israel, their basic attitude toward Israel remains unchanged, and no one can predict when it will change. A strong army, he said, is a condition of Israel's survival and must be ready should it be called to action again. He told the new officers that "you are now joining that group of men in Israel's army whose call is always, 'follow me.'"

Terrorists Invade Israel's Negev; Some Arabs Protest Actions of PLO

TEL AVIV, Jan. 3 (JTA)--A jeep carrying civilians was fired upon along the Araba road, south of the Dead Sea, last night, but none of the occupants was hurt, a military spokesman reported today. The incident occurred near Ein Yahav where an Israeli soldier was killed yesterday afternoon in a clash with marauders from Jordan. Another soldier and a civilian member of the settlement were injured.

The clash and the latest shooting were the first recent incursions by armed bands from Jordan into the Negev, Israel's southern region, which has been relatively quiet since the June war. Three pairs of footprints were discovered leading from the road where the jeep was fired on to the Jordanian border. Security sources said that Arab marauders seem to be shifting their attention to the sparsely settled Negev as a result of Israeli vigilance along the West Bank and the Beisan Valley, hitherto the scenes of most armed clashes and acts of sabotage.

Meanwhile, Arab leaders on the West Bank have sent a message to the Palestine Liberation Organization, protesting acts of terrorism against advocates of a "Palestine entity," it was learned here tonight. The term refers to the idea of creation of an independent government in the occupied West Bank area, which would end any possibility of return of the area to Jordan.

The PLO radio denounced as "collaborators" two West Bank area leaders who were the targets during the past two weeks of assassination attempts. One was a Ramallah lawyer who was fired on by masked men. A bazooka shell was fired at the home of a Ramallah doctor last week, but he escaped injury.

French Press Reports Arab Guerrilla Movement Against Israel Unified

PARIS, Jan. 3 (JTA)--A unified Arab terrorist movement with headquarters on the West Bank of the Jordan River, that will wage guerilla warfare against Israel in the style of the Algerian seven-year war against France, was foreseen in articles that appeared in two French weeklies today.

Plans for such a campaign were discussed in a lengthy piece on the ouster of Ahmed Shukairy as head of the Palestine Liberation Organization, published in France Observateur. Similar plans were outlined in an Express article by Abu Adnar, head of the PLO's "liberation army."

Another aspect of Israel's struggle with her neighbors was the subject of an article in Revue de La Defense Nationale in which Jean Paul Mauriat, chief of the French counter-intelligence service, paid tribute to Israel's intelligence services. M. Mauriat wrote that the work of Israeli intelligence in the Six-Day War demonstrated that great battles of the future could be won even before operations start. He said that "in some embassies in France, 40 to 60 percent of the personnel are spies."

Former French Premier Pierre Mendes-France said in an exclusive interview published in Nouvel Observateur that Gen. de Gaulle had proposed a Big Four conference on the Middle East so that he could act as mediator between the United States and the USSR in that region. "But the Israelis did not need him to make war, and the Americans and Russians did not need him to impose a cease-fire," M. Mendes-France said.

Israel Arrests Two as Spies; One is a Jew, Employed in Post Office

TEL AVIV, Jan. 3 (JTA)--A 30-year-old post office employee from Petach Tikvah was brought before a Tel Aviv District Court this morning on charges of espionage. The man, Chaim Akava, is accused of having offered to sell Israeli military information to Egypt. He is an electronics technician by profession.

In an unrelated case, Acre police yesterday arrested a 20 year-old Israeli Arab on charges of spying for Syria. The youth reportedly entered Syria via Jordan to work for Syrian intelligence. He faces a military court martial.

According to the prosecution in the Akava case, the defendant contacted the Egyptian Embassy in Rome in 1958, and offered to sell information on the number and deployment of Israeli missiles for \$20,000. At a subsequent meeting, the prosecution says, he told the Egyptians that missiles were located at Eilat, and demanded an advance payment of \$50,000. He was given \$100 and a cover address with which he continued to correspond after returning to Israel. Security police who arrested Akava at his home recently, said they found correspondence with enemy agents and military maps.

Israelis Foresee Difficulties With Egypt Over Freeing Ships Stranded in Suez

JERUSALEM, Jan. 3 (JTA)--Well-informed sources said here tonight that Egypt may seek to use the situation of the 15 stranded ships in the Suez Canal as a test case to reassert its sovereignty over the waterway, posing the possibility of a new delay in releasing the vessels. They were stranded at the lower end of the canal when Egypt blocked the waterway during the June war.

Reports last week indicated that Egypt was ready to open the southern end to allow the 15 ships, of a variety of national flags, to leave. Gunnar Jarring, the special United Nations peace emissary, who has visited both Cairo and Jerusalem, was understood to have discussed the problem with both Egyptian and Israeli officials.

The sources said that Egypt had no intention of asking Israel for agreement on extrication of the ships. Israel has made it clear that the agreement on non-shipping by both Egypt and Israel on the waterway applies to stranded ships, as well. Israel occupies the east bank of the canal.

Any exception to that agreement, Israel has made it clear, must be negotiated by both sides through the UN cease-fire machinery, through which the agreement was arranged. The Egyptian press, including the semi-official Al Ahram, has said that Egypt does not need Israel's permission to remove the barriers but so far, no change in the Suez Canal status quo has taken place. Egypt has not applied to the UN cease-fire officials to obtain Israel's agreement.

Ambassador Jarring arrived in Israel today, a day earlier than scheduled, and conferred tonight with Foreign Minister Abba Eban. No details on the conversation were released, except that the talk had been a continuation of general exchange of views. Jarring was to return tomorrow to his headquarters on Cyprus and he may visit some Arab capitals in the next few days.

Many Incentives to New Immigrants Announced in Israeli Plans

JERUSALEM, Jan. 3 (JTA)--Free hospitalization for three years for all new immigrants is one of a variety of special benefits for newcomers to Israel to be incorporated in the next budget, Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir told the Israeli Parliament last night.

Under the proposed new regulations, newcomers will be exempt from death duties on all assets they bring with them and all goods purchased with foreign currency. Older immigrants will be entitled to old-age pensions even if they are unqualified by lack of contributions to the national insurance program for a minimum period, he said.

The immigrants will be entitled to a free university education for three years, and their children will be entitled to free secondary schooling for the same period. Three-and-a-half room apartments will be available for rentals of \$45 a month for three years. Immigrants will have the option of buying the apartments later on easy-term mortgages.

The elimination of red tape and a system of economic incentives to encourage prospective immigrants, particularly from Western countries, is being worked out between the Jewish Agency and the Israel Government, Jewish Agency chairman Aryeh Pincus disclosed today. The incentives, he said, will be in the form of reduced customs duties and other tax reductions for immigrants, which will be included in the national budget for the next fiscal year. Immigration and absorption procedures will be streamlined, so that every prospective immigrant will have only "one man to deal with," Mr. Pincus said.

U.S., Britain, France Represented at Israeli Chanukah Party in London

LONDON, Jan. 3 (JTA)--The Marshal of the Royal Air Force and the military attaches of the United States, Britain, France, West Germany, other Western countries and Rumania attended a Chanukah party here last night given by the Israeli military attache and Mrs. Zamir. Other countries represented included South Africa, Belgium, Holland and Sweden. Jewish community leaders were also present.

Rabbi Herschel Schacter Installed as New Chairman of Presidents Conference

NEW YORK, Jan. 3 (JTA)--Rabbi Herschel Schacter, president of the Religious Zionist Organization of America, was installed today as chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations. He succeeded Dr. Joachim Prinz who served in the post for two years. Rabbi Schacter is rabbi of the Mosholu Jewish Center in the Bronx.

A reception in honor of Dr. Prinz on his retirement as chairman highlighted the installation ceremonies. In a telegram to Dr. Prinz, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress, said, "due to your splendid leadership, the President's Conference is progressively gaining status as the recognized and representative body of American Jewry in international Jewish affairs."

The Presidents Conference is composed of the heads of 21 national Jewish organizations with a collective membership of about 4.5 million, and acts as a coordinating body on issues affecting Jews abroad, including Israel.

Torah That Saw Service in Two Wars Presented for Israel Synagogue

NEW YORK, Jan. 3 (JTA)--A Torah scroll that was landed on the beaches of Normandy shortly after "D" Day in June, 1944, and went into battle four years later in Israel's War for Independence, was presented to Israel as a gift of Rabbi Aaron Decter, of the Garment Center Congregation here. Rabbi Decter handed the Torah to Moshe Ben Nahoum, representative of the religious department of Histadrut at Chanukah ceremonies at the Garment Center Synagogue. It will be brought to Israel and placed in Bet Berl College, Kfar Saba, where orientation lectures are given for visiting American rabbis, educators and others.

Rabbi Decter was the senior Jewish chaplain in the U.S. Army, European Theater, in 1944, and personally carried the Torah on Omaha and Utah beaches during the Allied invasion of Europe, where he conducted services for Jewish soldiers. He also carried a Torah presented by the chief rabbi of the British Empire.

Philadelphia Family Fund Donates \$10,000 to Aid Jews Toward Management Jobs

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 3 (JTA)--A \$10,000 grant to help "broaden the involvement of Jews in management level positions in major industry and finance," has been received from the Kahn Family Fund here, it was announced today by Benjamin S. Loewenstein, president of the Jewish Occupational Council of New York, one of three agencies that will share in the grant. The others are the Philadelphia chapter of the American Jewish Committee and the Jewish Employment and Vocational Service of Philadelphia.

The Kahn Charitable Foundation was established during the lifetimes of the late Eugene H. and Ethel B. Kahn. It makes donations on a pilot basis to charitable causes that are not generally the beneficiaries of organized philanthropy.

N.Y. Federation Women Sponsor World Music Event; Israel Among 19 Competitors

NEW YORK, Jan. 3 (JTA)--Forty-one candidates from 19 countries, including Israel, will compete for prizes in the sixth annual Dimitri Mitropoulos Music Competition sponsored by the Women's Division of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York. The competition will be held in New York from January 8 to 29, and is open to conductors between the ages of 20 and 33.

The four first prize winners will receive the Gold Medal award and a cash prize of \$5,000, plus one-season engagements with either the New York Philharmonic or the National Symphony Orchestra.

Los Angeles Contributions to JNF Totaled \$890,000 for Year 1967

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 3 (JTA)--The Jewish community of Los Angeles contributed \$890,000 to the Jewish National Fund in 1967, figures released here today showed. The announcement of the year's total JNF contributions here was made by Fred Kahn, executive director of the JNF Western Region.

3,600 Get Jewish Religious Instruction in Melbourne; 450 Study Hebrew

MELBOURNE, Jan. 3 (JTA)--The United Jewish Board of Education reported here today that 450 students are learning Hebrew at the Board's nine Hebrew centers, and a total of 3,600 are receiving religious instruction at Jewish schools. The report, which covers the years 1966 and 1967, says that the Hebrew curriculum stresses the spoken language without neglecting ritual observances. Some of the centers have special Bar Mitzvah classes. The Board, in addition, maintains a mobile Hebrew library, and offers correspondence courses in modern Hebrew.

Irving H. Lurie Dead at 70; Architect Planned More Than 500 Synagogues

NEW YORK, Jan. 3 (JTA)--Irving H. Lurie, a realty financier and architect who contributed his services in the planning and construction of more than 500 synagogues and other Jewish institutional buildings throughout the world, died here yesterday at the age of 70. Mr. Lurie was a founder of Temple Israel in Great Neck, N.Y., and served as its president for nine years. He was a recipient of the Louis Marshall Memorial Medal of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America in recognition of his services as architectural consultant of the United Synagogues of America.

Mr. Lurie was president of the Lurie Mortgage Corp., a company that financed the conversion of East Side townhouses into multi-dwelling apartment buildings and construction and renovation in the East Village, Chelsea, Upper West Side and Harlem areas.