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## Eshkol Completes American, Canadian Tour; Israelis Report 'Successful' Outcome

NEW YORK, Jan. 16 (JTA)--Prime Minister Levi Eshkol and his party arrived at J. F. Kennedy International Airport from Ottawa this morning in a plane provided by the Royal Canadian Air Force and took off in an El Al plane shortly afterwards for London. The Israeli leader is scheduled to meet there with Prime Minister Harold Wilson of Britain and Foreign Secretary George Brown. He will return to Israel on Thursday to report to the Cabinet on his trip to the United States, Canada and England.

Mr. Eshkol will attend a luncheon in London tomorrow to be given in his honor by Israel's Ambassador to Great Britain. Guests will include Foreign Secretary Brown, members of parliament and of the diplomatic corps and leaders of British Jewry.

In London today, British Foreign Office and Israeli sources reiterated that neither Mr. Eshkol nor Prime Minister Wilson had any specific issues to raise with each other at their meeting, although they will certainly discuss the opening of the Suez Canal in which Britain is particularly interested.

Israeli circles described as "absolute nonsense" a press statement in the Guardian that Israel was seriously concerned over Britain's speedy pull-out of the Persian Gulf area. Israel never relied on the British presence for her security and expected no British contribution to her security now, they said.

Prime Minister Eshkol made no statement on his departure from Kennedy airport. Members of his official party described his visit to North America as "satisfactory and successful" but withheld further comment pending the Prime Minister's report to the Cabinet in Jerusalem. Mr. Eshkol was bid farewell at the airport by senior members of the Israeli diplomatic corps in the United States and by the Chief of Protocol of the Canadian Foreign Office who accompanied him as far as New York as a representative of the Canadian Government.

Mr. Eshkol's 4-day visit to Canada ended officially last night with a reception given by the Israeli leader for his hosts. Attending were Prime Minister Lester Pearson of Canada and members of his cabinet and former Prime Minister John Diefenbacher. Later, some 2,000 persons braved a heavy snow storm and sub-zero temperatures to attend a rally in Eshkol's honor given by the Jewish community of Ottawa.

## Newsweek Reports 'Solid Diplomatic Achievement' for Eshkol, Gains for Johnson

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (JTA)--Newsweek Magazine asserted today that "in sharp trading down on the ranch," President Johnson had indicated to Prime Minister Levi Eshkol that some P-4 Phantom jet fighter bombers might be sold to Israel at a later date but that "more important was the political support that Eshkol was apparently prepared to give the President." The magazine claimed that "in New York, a few days after the Texas meeting, Eshkol reportedly insisted to Jewish leaders, including critics of LBJ's Viet Nam policy, that what Johnson does in Viet Nam is right."

The news magazine said that Defense Secretary Robert McNamara had secretly participated in the Texas talks. The Israeli prime minister, according to Newsweek, was pressed to clarify Israel's position on the occupied territories. It quoted President Johnson: "You are asking me to guarantee your borders -- what borders do you want me to guarantee?" The President, Newsweek said, supported by Secretary of State Dean Rusk, urged Eshkol to back down on insistence of face-to-face talks with the Arabs.

The magazine asserted that "the only contractual commitment the President made was to supply Israel with 20 or so A-4 Skyhawks, an older plane than the Phantom." It declared that "despite the imprecision of the Phantom deal, however, the talks at the ranch marked a solid diplomatic achievement for Eshkol and for Israel. But Mr. Johnson, too, emerged from the conversations with new assets."

## Washington Seeks End of Tripartite Concept for Middle East Security

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (JTA)--Official American sources said today that the last vestige of the "tripartite" concept in which the United States, the United Kingdom and France were linked in security assurances to Israel was eliminated today with the announcement in London that all British armed forces were being withdrawn from service east of Suez.

Prime Minister Harold Wilson announced that the last of the British forces would be removed from the Middle East, Persian Gulf and Far East by the end of 1971. In announcing the decision, Mr. Wilson said that "it means reassessing our role in the world and realistically limiting commitments and outgoings to our true capacity." He told the House that "we have to come to terms with our role in the world." He said, however, that Britain would remain at NATO bases in Western Europe.

France previously had made it known, through the policies apparent since the Six-Day War in June, that the French no longer thought in terms of a joint Anglo-American French approach to the Middle East. When the Tripartite Declaration was made in 1950, Israeli leaders hailed it as a vital guaranty of Israeli security by the Big Three Western powers.

## Soviet Mission Pledges Increase Aid to Arabs, Demands Israeli Withdrawal

WASHINGTON, D.C., Jan. 16 (JTA)--Soviet Russia has pledged "new assistance" to Egypt "in various fields to strengthen the Arab struggle to remove the effects of imperialist-Zionist aggression" from the Middle East, it was reported here from Cairo.

The pledge was contained in a joint communique issued on the departure of a Soviet delegation after six days of talks on political and technical subjects with Egyptian leaders. The delegation was headed by Kirill Mazurov, First Deputy Chairman of the Soviet Council of Ministers and a member of the Central Committee Politburo.

The communique stated that the talks with Nasser "particularly concerned the problems of the liquidation of the effects of the Israeli aggression, especially the withdrawal of Israeli forces from all occupied Arab territory, back to the June 5, 1967 lines."

Mazurov, in another statement issued on his departure from Cairo, proclaimed "the insistence of the Soviet people and leaders on the necessity for the withdrawal of the Israeli forces from Arab territory as the primary and basic condition for the establishment of peace in the Middle East." He said that the situation in the region required "joint Arab action and concerted political action by all progressive forces throughout the world for the achievement of legitimate Arab aims."

## UN Envoy Hastens to Stormbound Jerusalem for Urgent Meeting With Eban

TEL AVIV, Jan. 16 (JTA)--Ambassador Gunnar Jarring, the United Nations special representative to the Middle East, conferred with Foreign Minister Abba Eban in Jerusalem for an hour and a half today. No details of their talk were announced but a note of urgency seemed to surround the meeting largely because of the U.N. envoy's special efforts to reach Jerusalem over roads made impassable by the heavy snow storm.

Ambassador Jarring was driven from Lydda airport to the capital in a police jeep, one of the few types of vehicles able to negotiate the snowbound roads. It was believed he was carrying proposals from Egypt which needed a quick Israeli reply. But there were no reports today of any such proposal or reply.

## Dayan Tells Egyptian Prisoners That Israel Wants Peace and Independent Existence

TEL AVIV, Jan. 16 (JTA)--Defense Minister Moshe Dayan paid a surprise visit to the prisoner-of-war camp at Athlit yesterday and told 100 Egyptian officers, including four generals, who are about to be repatriated, that Israel wants to exist peacefully as a Jewish state among Arab states but will always fight back if she is attacked. He said he wanted the Egyptian soldiers, who were captured in last June's Six-Day War, to return home with the message that Israelis want peace and mutual coexistence.

Gen. Dayan's visit to the POW camp was unannounced and was made apparently on the spur of the moment when severe gales and snow storms delayed a prisoner exchange agreed to by Egypt and Israel under the aegis of the International Red Cross. Israel holds about 4,500 Egyptian POWs. Egypt has 10 to 15 captured Israelis, mostly pilots. The agreement for their exchange was arranged by the IRC at Geneva and the first contingent of Egyptian prisoners was sent home last Friday.

General Dayan's remarks, made in English, were summarized by the Defense Ministry today. He brushed aside as "historic" the question of whether the lands of Israel belonged to the Arabs or were the ancestral home of the Jews. "Now we have a state and the question is whether this state can exist here. I say yes," Gen. Dayan told the Egyptian officers. "We consider ourselves part of the Jewish world, just as we consider Arabs living in the state of Israel as part of the Arab world. We don't want to make them into Jews -- it's impossible and there is no need for it -- just as we don't want to be made into Arabs. True," Gen. Dayan said, "we are a small nation, perhaps we shall reach 5 million souls. But even as such we can live alongside you and with you without becoming part of you and without your becoming part of us. Under those circumstances, we can live in mutual respect and peace. You will not attack our ships and we will not attack you. The only way is for you to understand that in the midst of the Arab world there exists a Jewish state. The refugee problem can be solved and a peace treaty can be signed. We shall try to achieve it."

Gen. Dayan blamed the June war on misinformation supplied to Egyptian by Syria and the Soviet Union that Israel was mobilizing for an attack on Syria. He said that Egypt's subsequent blockade of the Strait of Tiran, which Israel shipping had used for a decade, was considered by Israel "a declaration of war."

## Terrorist Band Rounded Up in Gaza Strip, Arms Cache Found

TEL AVIV, Jan. 16 (JTA)--Security authorities disclosed today that 40 Arabs belonging to the so-called Palestine Liberation Army were arrested during the nights of Jan. 11 and 12, in the Gaza Strip, among them a number of officers smuggled into the region from Jordan. Questioning of the arrested men led to the discovery of a large cache of arms, the authorities said.

In Gaza yesterday, Israeli army sappers blew up several buildings presumed to have sheltered Arab terrorists who tossed a hand grenade into a jeep carrying two Israeli soldiers. Neither of the soldiers were reported injured.

A curfew was imposed on several villages in northern Sinai last night after the driver of an oil truck was seriously injured when the vehicle struck a mine east of El Arish. The man was taken to El Arish airport and flown to a hospital in Israel.

## Jerusalem Digging Out of Worst Snowstorm in Decades

JERUSALEM, Jan. 16 (JTA)--Israel's capital began to dig out today from under the worst snow storm to hit it in the memory of most of its inhabitants.

As the snow, which exceeded 12 inches yesterday, began to melt, pedestrians and private cars once more appeared on the streets. Squads from the department of water supply and the municipal electric corporation set to work repairing damage caused by the snow and gale force winds that had paralyzed this city for more than 24 hours and isolated it from the rest of the country. Public transportation is expected to be resumed tomorrow.

Heavy snow still covered the Galilee hills and other parts of Israel where most roads remained blocked today. But Tel Aviv and Haifa, on the coast, received some warm sunshine this morning, indicating that the storm was over. At its height yesterday, police and military personnel distributed bread and milk to inhabitants of outlying areas of Jerusalem and provided transportation to hospitals in emergency cases. Schools were shut down but most groceries and dairy shops in Jerusalem re-opened this morning.

## West German Coalition Splits on Measures to Deal With Neo-Nazi Party

BONN, Jan. 16 (JTA)--The apparently growing strength of the neo-Nazi National Democratic Party is not only a matter of increasing political concern in the Federal Republic but has already involved the shaky coalition Government in some internecine sniping. Chancellor Kurt Kiesinger has accused the Social-Democratic members of the coalition of refusing to agree to proposed electoral changes which were intended to prevent the NPD from winning seats in the Bundestag (lower house) in the next general elections. The implication was that the Social Democrats would be responsible if the neo-Nazis, who now hold seats in six of the ten Laender (state) parliaments, manage to gain entry into the Federal parliament.

Meanwhile, the NPD has challenged the Chancellor to put the question of its constitutionality to a test before the Constitutional Court in Karlsruhe. In an open letter to Mr. Kiesinger, the NPD executive declared that the party had nothing to fear from an examination by the court, which would enable it to demonstrate "before all the world the emptiness of the charges and imputations levelled against it."

The NPD, which espouses many Hitlerian precepts, has been branded as "anti-democratic" by leading German politicians. However, the Government has shied away from a legal test because a court refusal to allow a ban on the NPD would only strengthen the latter and embarrass the Government.

The NPD has won a claim for compensation against the city of Nuremberg which may add the equivalent of \$3,670 to the party treasury and some \$50,000 to the pocketbooks of individual party members. The Nuremberg court found in favor of the NPD in its claim against the Nuremberg municipality for banning the party from holding its annual congress in that city last May. The party had asked 14,700 marks for itself and demanded that each party member who made the trip to Nuremberg be compensated. The latter claim would amount to some 200,000 marks (\$50,000).

## German Prosecutor Asks Life Imprisonment for Seven of 15 Nazis Charged With Murder

BONN, Jan. 16 (JTA)--The State Prosecutor here has demanded life imprisonment at hard labor for seven of 15 accused in the "Stanislaw trial" now before a jury.

The defendants were accused of the murder of 120,000 Jews in Stanislaw, East Galicia, during the war. This sentence was requested for Hans Krueger, 58, former chief of the security police in Stanislaw, on 12 counts of murder; Heinrich Schott, 67, 16 counts of murder; Ernst Varschmin, five counts of murder; Franz Mause, 56, four counts of murder; Werner Hagemann, 55, two counts of murder; Alfred Hass, 61, and Josef Taus, 60.

For six others, the prosecutor asked for sentences ranging from three years to six and a half years imprisonment for complicity in murder. For one, the prosecutor made no specific request for imprisonment, and for the remaining one he suggested acquittal.

## American Women's Groups Back Petition for Removal of Religious Disabilities

NEW YORK, Jan. 16 (JTA)--At least six major American Jewish women's organizations will be signatories to a petition addressed to rabbinical authorities all over the world, urging them to assemble to "find the means and interpretations in the Talmud and Codes" of Jewish law that will "overcome the disabilities of Jewish women" in matters concerning marriage, divorce, inheritance and other personal or family affairs.

The petition was drafted by the International Council of Jewish Women, an organization with affiliates in 22 countries, including the United States and Israel, with a total membership of more than 500,000 women. It is directed especially to relieve the hardships imposed on many women who adhere to halachic injunctions with regard to their personal lives.

According to the National Council of Jewish Women, the U.S. affiliate of the world group, the petition has been signed by the Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, Hadassah, Pioneer Women and the United Synagogue Women. It will be signed shortly by the B'nai B'rith Women's Organization and the Women's Division of the American Jewish Congress. Other women's organizations are expected to add their names as well. Specific areas for which rabbinical attention is asked include Jewish divorce, "chalitzah," required of a widow whose husband died childless and left a brother; "agunah," a woman who cannot obtain a divorce or permission to re-marry, and inheritance rules.

## New Jersey to Curb Job Discrimination Against Sabbath-Observers

NEW YORK, Jan. 16 (JTA)--The Division of Civil Rights of the New Jersey State Department of Law and Public Safety has adopted rules to curtail discriminatory practices in private employment against Sabbath observers, its director has informed the National Jewish Commission on Law and Public Affairs here.

The commission reported today receipt of a letter from George S. Pfaus, director of the civil rights division, which it said indicated that New Jersey would abide by the Federal Guidelines on Sabbath Observers issued by the Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission last July. The commission previously had requested adoption of these guidelines by the state.

"Under the New Jersey law against discrimination," Mr. Pfaus advised the commission, "Sabbath observance is not a valid basis for refusing to hire or promote, discharging or otherwise discriminating against an employee, unless the absence of the employee will result in an undue hardship to the employer."

Dr. Marvin Schick, president of the commission, expressed gratitude to New Jersey on behalf of the Orthodox Jewish community and expressed the hope that other states would follow suit. He noted that the commission had been seeking for two years to secure protection for Sabbath observers in New York State. The commission was represented in its dealings with the New Jersey civil rights division by Meyer Pesin and Howard I. Rhine.

## Canadian University Dismisses Lecturer Who Propagandized for Arabs Against Israel

TORONTO, Jan. 16 (JTA)--Waterloo Lutheran University at Kitchener has informed Dr. George Haggar, an instructor in political philosophy who has consistently propagandized the Arab position and attacked Israel, that his teaching contract will not be renewed in May. The reason given for the notice was that Haggar "is not in agreement with what we stand for and what we are doing."

Haggar, a native of Lebanon who immigrated into Canada at the age of 17, charged that his dismissal was a violation of academic freedom. He said he had filed a complaint with the Canadian Association of University Teachers. The student council at the institution called for a one-day boycott of classes in protest against the dismissal of Haggar and of a graduate student who is a part-time psychology instructor and has vigorously opposed the Viet Nam war.

Haggar is president of the Canadian Arab community organization, which has about 3,000 members. He was the main speaker last May at a "Palestine Day" meeting in Toronto and has attacked Israel as "racist, imperialist and fascist." He has also attacked the Viet Nam policies of Canada and the United States.

## Farband Proposes National Parley to Harness Spirit Engendered by Six-Day War

NEW YORK, Jan. 16 (JTA)--A call for a "coming together" of American Jewish organizations, educators and social scientists at the earliest possible moment to seek joint action to capitalize on the sentiments engendered by the Six-Day War to develop an involvement in Jewishness in general and in the American Jewish community, was made here by Jacob Katzman, national secretary of Farband Labor Zionist Order.

Mr. Katzman told a two-day session of the organization's national board that unless energetic steps were taken, "the sentiments of last summer may evaporate and an unusual opportunity will have been lost." The problem, he said, was not one for a single organization but required a total mobilization of the community.

The board, which expressed the readiness of Farband to cooperate with other organizations in joint activities aimed at the younger elements in American Jewry, voted to seek a fund of \$1 million a year during the next few years for the Farband Foundation to finance an expanded and intensified cultural and education program. One objective of this program, it pointed out, would be to seek closer liaison between young intellectual forces in America and Israel.

The 55th anniversary of establishment of Farband was celebrated at a dinner Sunday at the Hotel Americana, at which Dr. Gershon Winer, Dean of the Jewish Teachers Seminary, installed the national officers of the order. Anniversary celebrations are scheduled for the rest of this month in American and Canadian cities where Farband has more than 40,000 affiliated families in more than 270 branches in 60 cities.

## Albert Parker is Elected President of New York United Jewish Appeal

NEW YORK, Jan. 16 (JTA)--Albert Parker, lawyer and communal worker who has been active in Israel causes for many years, has been elected president of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York. He succeeds Edward M. Warburg. Mr. Parker is chairman of the special conference of Jewish business and industrial leaders to be held in Jerusalem in June to plan the expansion of Israel's industry.

## 9,000 Americans Register for Migration to Israel Since June, Agency Reports

TEL AVIV, Jan. 16 (JTA)--Nine thousand persons in the United States have registered for immigration to Israel since last June's Six Day War, it was disclosed here today by Moshe Rivlin, director general of the Jewish Agency. Mr. Rivlin said that there has been a tremendous and positive change in the attitude toward aliyah (immigration) in Jewish communities all over the world since the war.

He told a press conference here that the forthcoming world conference of Jewish Journalists to be held in Jerusalem "will be forged into a forceful tool to encourage and promote aliyah."