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## Second Intrusion From Jordan Listed Since Hussein Anti-Terrorist Pledge

TEL AVIV, Feb. 25 (JTA)--Israeli forces opened fire last night across the Jordan River at marauders retreating to Jordanian bases in the second such incursion since King Hussein of Jordan pledged on Feb. 18 that his Government would bar use of Jordanian territory to anti-Israel terrorists. Five Arab terrorists were killed during the previous night in a clash with an Israeli patrol north of the Allenby Bridge near Jericho. No Israeli casualties were reported in either incursion.

The attack last night on the Masada kibbutz, southeast of the southern tip of Lake Tiberias, began with firing of 60-mm mortars. Several of the shells fell within the kibbutz housing perimeter. One exploded near an infants home where many babies were asleep. None did any significant damage. Watchmen later said they heard machinegun bursts from a distance aimed at the kibbutz area, but could not pinpoint the location.

In the Jericho incident, the patrol intercepted the terrorists on the west bank of the Jordan River about four miles north of the bridge, an army spokesman said. Two Russian-made assault guns, a Communist Chinese machinegun and explosives were found on the bodies of the slain intruders.

The intrusions confirmed a warning by Maj. Gen. Chaim Barlev, Israel's Chief of Staff, who visited the Jordan and Beisan Valleys on Thursday to inform settlers that the Israeli army was taking all necessary steps to assure continuation of normal life in the affected settlements. He said then that the "current lull" in terrorist activities was deceptive because Israel could not accept King Hussein's assurances that he would stop intrusions from Jordan.

## Eban and Gen. Dayan Brief Cabinet on Political, Security Situation

JERUSALEM, Feb. 25 (JTA)--Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban briefed Israel's cabinet today on the latest political developments and Defense Minister Moshe Dayan spoke on the country's security situation. Government spokesmen would give no details of the meeting. United Nations emissary Gunnar Jarring is expected here on Tuesday or Wednesday for more talks, officials reported.

## Congressman Criticizes Delay on Phantom Jet Sales to Israel

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (JTA)--Rep. Edward J. Gurney, Florida Republican, announced this weekend that he would seek to determine "why President Johnson is deferring action on the sale of Phantom jets being by Israel to meet the Communist military buildup" while authorizing the shipments of F-104 supersonic jets to Jordan.

Rep. Gurney said that Jordan was using United States arms against Israel and cited terrorist attacks. He asked: "When is the Johnson Administration going to learn that American weapons in the hands of Jordan are inevitably going to be used against Israel?"

He charged that "the Arabs have clearly demonstrated that they have climbed into bed with the Communists, while America is trying to hold the line around the globe against this evil...One of the few friends helping out in this life and death struggle is Israel." He asked: "Why are we arming her enemies so that they can destroy this brave little nation?"

## Kuchel Urges Demilitarized Buffer Zones to Prevent New Mideast War

NEW YORK, Feb. 25 (JTA)--Senator Thomas H. Kuchel, of California, Republican whip in the U.S. Senate, proposed tonight that a permanently united Jerusalem be "the capital of Israel" and suggested the establishment of demilitarized buffer zones in the Middle East to protect both Israel and the Arab states from armed aggression. Sen. Kuchel spoke before 1,500 communal and civic leaders at the 60th anniversary dinner of B'nai Zion, national Zionist fraternal organization.

Sen. Kuchel accused the Administration of "trying to conceal our firm commitment to Israel from Arab nations, friendly or otherwise" and maintained that this was "no service to our diplomacy, to Israel or even to our few remaining Arab friends." A message of greeting was received from President Johnson who hailed B'nai Zion as "a force for peace" and reiterated America's "commitment to peace in the Middle East."

Senator Kuchel, who visited Israel in 1966, urged immediate negotiations for a Middle East peace to prevent renewed warfare between Israel and the Arabs, and said the United States had an important stake in the success of such talks. He also urged the Soviet Union to recognize that it "has much to gain from peace in this area." He said Israel must have defensible frontiers and could not retire to the old armistice lines of 1948. Referring to Jerusalem, he declared that "as a member of the United States Senate, I strongly believe that the continued unity of Jerusalem both as a capital and as a world religious center, must be a cardinal objective of our foreign policy in the Near East."

**Goldmann Says Only Zionist Movement Can Educate Western Jews for Aliyah**

JERUSALEM, Feb. 25 (JTA)--Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, warned here tonight that it was a delicate and almost insuperable task to persuade young or adult Jews in Western Europe or the United States to give up the political and economic benefits they enjoy and come to settle in Israel. The Zionist leader said that this was a task that required the education of Jews in the Western world to understand Israel's vital need for aliyah (immigration) so that it becomes part of their consciousness as Jews. Such a task, he declared, could be accomplished only by a strong, vital Zionist movement but in no case by any governmental body.

Dr. Goldmann spoke at the opening here of a three-day consultative assembly of the World Zionist Organization attended by 100 Zionist leaders from Israel and abroad. Present at the opening were President Zalman Shazar of Israel, Prime Minister Levi Eshkol, members of the Cabinet and the Jewish Agency Executive. Speaking in the same vein, Aryeh L. Pincus, chairman of the Jewish Agency, said that the test of the Zionist movement abroad would be whether it succeeded or failed to stimulate a large scale aliyah. He decried those in the Government and the Israeli press who, he said, were belittling the Zionist movement, thus creating an atmosphere that made it impossible to launch bold undertakings.

Dr. Goldmann also said that the Zionist movement was trying to do two contradictory things -- to become a representative body embracing a majority of Jews while at the same time trying to revive its classical nature as a fighting, radical and revolutionary movement in Jewish life. It has failed in the former and should therefore concentrate its efforts on the latter endeavor, he declared. He listed three basic tasks that face Zionism: to secure Jewish solidarity with Israel under all circumstances; to stimulate continued large scale immigration to Israel and to take care of Jewish education in the diaspora.

To think that the Zionist movement could be liquidated and the Israel Government take over these tasks is not only unrealistic but "nonsensical," Dr. Goldmann said. No government in the present structure of the world can even dream of undertaking such tasks as the education of Jews in diaspora or organizing aliyah. If they tried, he warned, they would create permanent difficulties and provoke legal measures against their activities.

Dr. Goldmann advocated the creation of a movement of "magshimim" -- people who make a personal commitment to aliyah, to be a part of the Zionist movement, "a core," he said, but not a separate entity. He also urged the unification of the various Zionist factions into a central body.

Mr. Pincus also said he favored establishment of a movement of people committed to aliyah and to make its creation binding on all sections of the Zionist movement. He reported on efforts to streamline the Jewish Agency and coordinate its activities with those of the Government. He noted that a joint authority had been set up by the Jewish Agency and the Israel Government for aliyah and absorption. But, he added, it should be understood that the Jewish Agency continues to bear responsibility for these activities.

**Israel Cabinet Approves Bill Requiring Advance Notice on Strikes, Lockouts**

JERUSALEM, Feb. 25 (JTA)--The Cabinet approved a bill today that would force employers and employees to give 15 days advance notice on strikes or lockouts. The bill is expected to be brought before the Knesset (Parliament) at a later date. The Government has authority to mediate work disputes but has no power to enforce arbitration. The Histadrut, Israel's labor confederation, reportedly has approved the bill.

**President Johnson Cables 'Get Well' Message to Mrs. Jacobson in Israel**

JERUSALEM, Feb. 25 (JTA)--A "get well" cable from President Johnson was received by Mrs. Charlotte Jacobson, president of Hadassah, who is recovering in Hadassah Hospital from injuries suffered in a bus accident last week near Tel Aviv. Hospital officials said today Mrs. Jacobson was making "very satisfactory progress."

The President said in his message "I was distressed to read of your accident. Our thoughts and best wishes are with you for a quick and complete recovery." Mrs. Jacobson, who came to Israel for a mid-winter Hadassah conference, sustained a broken collarbone and broken ribs in the accident.

**Anti-Vietnam Demonstrators Rush Police Lines At Embassy in Tel Aviv**

TEL AVIV, Feb. 25 (JTA)--Six demonstrators against American participation in the Vietnam war were detained here last night after they tried to break through police lines in front of the American consulate. The demonstration, organized by Communists, was given a police permit on condition the demonstrators remained a specified distance from the consulate.

**Gen. Rabin Visits Under-Secretary Rostow; Jordan Believed Discussed**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (JTA)--Gen. Yitzhak Rabin, new Israeli Ambassador to the United States, called on Under-Secretary of State Eugene Rostow. The purpose of the weekend call was to get acquainted. It was thought likely that the Jordanian tensions were discussed. The new envoy, who was formerly Israel's Chief of Staff, has been making a series of visits to key officials of the Johnson Administration since taking up his new duties.

## ADL Denounces 'Anti-Semitic' Memorial in Harlem School for Malcolm X

NEW YORK, Feb. 25 (JTA)--An Anti-Defamation League official has accused New York City school and police officials, and the Ford Foundation, of "abdicate their responsibilities" in allowing an "indecent 'kill whitey' and anti-Semitic performance" at a memorial meeting for a slain militant black leader at a public school in Harlem last Wednesday.

The charge was made by David A. Schulte, chairman of the New York board of the ADL. He referred to a performance at Intermediate School 201 where the City Board of Education is conducting an experiment, with Ford Foundation help, in decentralizing public school administration. The ADL official said that "what may be a valuable educational experiment" was being subverted by "those with authority giving tacit consent" to anarchy. The memorialized leader was Malcolm X.

He declared it was "shocking" that the Superintendent of Schools, with his "previous knowledge of the racist and anti-Semitic fulminations of Leroi Jones, the African-American Teachers Association and Herman B. Ferguson who is under indictment on a charge of conspiring to murder moderate Negro leaders, permitted use of the school building during school hours for spewing forth such venom." He also denounced an assistant chief inspector of the City Police Department for allowing himself "to be barred" from the memorial meeting.

The ADL official added he was confident that the "kill whitey" theme and the "anti-Semitism of the program reflect the views of a minuscule segment of the Negro community."

## French Communist Party Calls for Arab Recognition of Israel

PARIS, Feb. 25 (JTA)--The French Communist Party deviated somewhat from the Moscow Party line on the Middle East today and endorsed a joint platform with the non-Communist Federation of the Left. Among other things, the platform called for a comprehensive settlement between Israel and the Arab states, recognition of Israel behind guaranteed borders and free navigation for Israel in the Suez Canal and the Gulf of Aqaba.

The platform was the culmination of eight months of painstaking bargaining between the Communists and the moderate and left-wing Socialists to work out a mutually acceptable program of domestic and foreign policy. Foreign policy was and remained the greatest area of dispute. On the Middle East, the Communists differed sharply with the Socialists in demanding Israel's "immediate and unconditional withdrawal" from occupied Arab territories. The Socialist groups held that Israel's withdrawal must be preceded by peace negotiations with the Arabs. Points of agreement between the two included respect for the rights of the Arab states and settlement of the Palestine Arab refugee problem.

## Soviet Gov't. Starts Sudden Tributes to Jewish War Heroes, Most of Them Dead

LONDON, Feb. 25 (JTA)--The Soviet Government has suddenly begun a campaign of tributes to Jewish war heroes of the Russian revolution and World War II, according to information reaching here. Most of the recipients are now dead and the rest are living in obscure retirement.

Observers here viewed the campaign as a Soviet reaction to growing world wide protests against the repression of Jewish cultural and religious life in the USSR and the blatantly anti-Semitic, anti-Israel propaganda campaign which the Soviet Government has supported and indulged in since last June's Middle East war. They see, however, no change in the basic Soviet attitude towards Jews.

Nevertheless, the Soviet public is now being made aware of the role of Jews in Russia's struggle against counter-revolutionary forces after World War I and against the Nazi invaders in World War II. A short documentary film has just been released on the life of Leah Deschevski, a Red Army nurse in the Iron Division during the Russian civil war. Biographical sketches have been published in recent weeks on Jewish officers of the Red Army. Among them are Samuel Medvedovski, a colonel of the late civil war who died in 1924; Lev Belilovski, a hero of World War II, and Aaron Kadishevitz, a medical officer who served in the civil war and in World War II. A monument is being built to the late General Jacob Shmuskevitz, a Lithuanian Jew who was a hero of the second World War.

In a different category, the late Yiddish poet, Joseph Kotliar, was honored at a literary evening in Vilna, a city which before the war was a major center of Jewish letters.

## American Jewish Committee Helps Stage Sephardic Exhibit in Mexico

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 25 (JTA)--More than 4,000 persons attended a two-week exhibit on the Sephardic culture and heritage in Mexico City's National Pedagogical Museum, Sergio Nudelstejer, director of the American Jewish Committee's Mexican Office, reported today. The exhibit was sponsored by the Committee in cooperation with the Sephardic Union. Mr. Nudelstejer added that the response had been so enthusiastic that plans were being made to stage the exhibit in Guadalajara, Toluca, Puebla and later in Central America.

## Record Turnout of 750,000 Persons Visited Prague Jewish Museum in 1967

PRAGUE, Feb. 25 (JTA)--Nearly three quarters of a million persons visited the Jewish Museum here during 1967, a record number and some 30,000 more than in 1966, the Museum authorities reported here today.

## Hebrew PTA Conclave Told of Federal Plan for Public-Non-Public School Conference

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (JTA)--Plans for a conference here of officials of public and non-public schools to determine the degree of cooperation between the two forms of education stimulated by federal aid to education were announced by Harold Howe, federal Commissioner of Education, at the weekend 19th annual convention of the National Association of Hebrew Day School PTAs.

Mr. Howe told the 400 delegates, representing Orthodox-sponsored Hebrew day schools in 30 states and five Canadian provinces, that he was planning such a conference because he felt there was not enough communication between the two sectors. The commissioner also told the delegates that creation of day schools was "an expression of freedom which we must cherish" and he urged the Hebrew day schools, like all other private schools, to make a qualitative impact on the public school system by continuing their role as "a major source of educational stimulation to the public school system" and by use of their private status to innovate educational methods and experiments.

Prof. Gabriel D. Ofiesh, director of the school of education of the Catholic University of America, told the delegates that the average high school graduate spends 6,000 more hours watching television than he does in the classroom but he urged the delegates not to resist "the new technology" but to use it in education programs.

Rabbi Joseph Grunblatt of New York City, an adviser to Jewish college students, denounced the "de-escalation" of moral and sexual values in the American society and said the Hebrew day school was the only educational medium which could offset the dangers to Jewish survival in an open, socially-fluid society. Mrs. Henry C. Thein was elected to a second two-year term as president.

## B'nai B'rith Reports Record Israel Bond Sales of \$13,728,270 in 1967

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (JTA)--The B'nai B'rith announced today that it had sold a record \$13,728,270 in Israel Bonds during 1967, a 70.3 percent increase over the previous year. Sales were \$5,667,995 ahead of the 1966 figures, the largest one-year gain since the B'nai B'rith began promoting Israel Bond purchases in 1951.

According to Milton Seidenman, chairman of the B'nai B'rith Israel Bond Committee, cumulative sales for the 16 year period were nearly \$98 million or almost ten percent of the total Israel Bond purchases in North America.

## Histadrut Foundation Raises \$618,000 at Sinatra Testimonial Event

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Feb. 25 (JTA)--The sum of \$618,000 was raised by the American Histadrut Development Foundation here last night at a testimonial dinner to Frank Sinatra which concluded the Foundation's third annual mid-winter conference. The entertainer was presented with the Histadrut Medal of Honor which was accepted in his behalf by his attorney because Mr. Sinatra was ill and confined to bed.

William H. Sylk, Foundation chairman, announced that the Histadrut annuity fund had received commitments totalling \$118,000 and that the income and trust funds gained \$50,000 and \$100,000 respectively. He also announced bequests in the amount of \$350,000.

## Cleveland Federation Warns Riot Control Bill Threat to Democratic Rights

CLEVELAND, Feb. 25 (JTA)--The Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland stated its strong opposition today to a riot control bill pending before the Ohio Legislature on the grounds that it jeopardized "such essential bulwarks of democracy as freedom of speech and freedom of assembly."

The federation's position on the bill was given by Bennett Yanowitz, chairman of the federation's community relations committee, in letters to State Senators Max Dennis, chairman and William Taft, vice chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee now considering the bill. Mr. Yanowitz stressed that opposition to the bill was "not based on a lack of concern for the consequences of a riot," but on "our belief that we must find ways of preventing riots and disturbances by other than repressive measures after they occur."

## Nazi Sentenced to 20 Years in Rockwell Slaying; Appeal Planned

ARLINGTON, Feb. 25 (JTA)--The defense lawyer of John Patler, who was sentenced Friday to 20 years in prison for killing George Rockwell, leader of the American Nazi Party, said today he would file an appeal within four months. Attorney Thomas Harrigan indicated that the case might not be heard for at least a year. He asserted there were 22 court errors in Patler's 16-day trial.

## Funeral Rites Set for Fannie Hurst; Novelist Dead at 78

NEW YORK, Feb. 25 (JTA)--Funeral services will be held Thursday for Fannie Hurst, for more than three decades one of America's most popular novelists, who died in her home here Friday at 78. She explored Jewish life on New York's lower east side, and the lives of other ethnic minorities in her 30 novels and hundreds of short stories.

Miss Hurst was born in Hamilton, Ohio, brought up in St. Louis, and educated at Washington University and Columbia University. Active in support of Jewish statehood, she visited Israel in 1953 at the invitation of the Israel Government. She contributed to the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies and to the Einstein Medical College of Yeshiva University.