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## Dayan Injured in Cavein While Digging in Ruins; Recovering in Hospital

TEL AVIV, Mar. 20 (JTA)--Defense Minister Moshe Dayan narrowly escaped with his life today after having been buried in a cave in an archaeological site near Holon, south of Tel Aviv. Gen. Dayan, one of whose hobbies is archaeology, was digging near the site of a new road when the accident occurred. He was totally covered except for one hand which he thrust up above his head. A wagon driver and his son, who witnessed the accident, went to his aid and with the assistance of roadworkers, dug him out.

Gen. Dayan was rushed to Tel Hashomer Hospital in Tel Aviv where he was treated for superficial head injuries and extensive body bruises. He did not lose consciousness and talked with the doctors treating him. A bulletin issued at the hospital tonight said he was feeling better and sleeping. A communique from the Prime Minister's Office said that the defense minister would have to remain in the hospital for several days.

According to informed sources in Jerusalem, Gen. Dayan suffered some injury to his spine and may have to remain in a cast for some time but it could not be established whether this would completely immobilize him.

Under Israeli law, the Prime Minister automatically assumes the duties of any cabinet minister who is temporarily disabled unless there is a Cabinet decision to the contrary. If Gen. Dayan is not able to discharge his duties and the post is not given to another minister, Prime Minister Levi Eshkol will serve as acting Defense Minister.

## Ambassador Jarring Visits Amman and Jerusalem Again in New Round of Talks

JERUSALEM, Mar. 20 (JTA)--Ambassador Gunnar V. Jarring, United Nations special envoy in the Middle East, will return here tomorrow for a further meeting with Foreign Minister Abba S. Eban. Dr. Jarring flew to Amman today for a conference with Jordanian officials and returned immediately to his Cyprus headquarters. He was in Jerusalem on Sunday for a meeting with Mr. Eban and at that time informed him that Jordan had refused to send a delegation to Cyprus for talks with the Israelis.

(In an editorial advising Israel that there had to be "advance acceptance by both sides of the sort of settlement that will emerge at the end of the process," The Times of London said today that negotiations were not the first step towards peace. It said that Ambassador Jarring's travels between Israel and the Arab capitals over the past three months "demonstrated that there is still no basis for a meaningful negotiation.")

(The Times concluded that "the Israel Government, if it now abandons all hope of negotiating the sort of peace it wants, will have to decide for itself what to do about the million extra Arabs it now rules. The problems are enormous, possibly insuperable. They can only be solved if Jordan's position is taken into account."

(The London Daily Telegraph warned today that any new major flare-up on the Jordanian-Israeli border is bound to increase pressure on King Hussein "who is unable to prevent" the activities of Arab commandos based in Jordan. The main source of military supplies for the Arab terrorists and their chief source of funds, the paper said, is Syria.)

## Congressman Calls for Halt on U.S. Arms Shipments to Jordan

WASHINGTON, Mar. 20 (JTA)--Rep. Richard Schweiker, Pennsylvania Republican, a member of the House Armed Services Committee, urged Secretary of State Dean Rusk today to defer shipments of U.S. arms to Jordan in view of the worsening border situation. In a letter to the Secretary, Rep. Schweiker cited the mining of the Tel Aviv school bus in the Negev. He asked for a list of the arms being shipped to Jordan and inquired specifically about weapons such as anti-vehicle mines and other arms used by terrorists.

## French Promise Decision on Delivery of Planes to Israel Early in April

PARIS, Mar. 20 (JTA)--The French Government has promised Israel a definite decision early in April on the release of 50 Mirage IV jet fighter-bombers which Israel ordered early last year, delivery of which has been blocked by the embargo on shipments of arms to the Middle East imposed by Gen. de Gaulle last June.

The question of release of the planes was discussed last night by Israel Ambassador Walter Eytan and Prime Minister Georges Pompidou, it was learned. The Israeli envoy, it was understood, pointed out to the Prime Minister that under the terms of Israel's contract with Dassault, the builders of the Mirage planes, Israel is scheduled to make a substantial further payment on account and wants some assurance, before making this payment, that the French Government will permit delivery of the aircraft.

The planes, modified to Israeli specifications, are being completed at the rate of four or five a month and a number of them are being held at a French airfield awaiting government release.

The French-built plane, one of the finest fighting craft in production today, is the mainstay of the Israeli Air Force. Israel ordered 50 more of the planes early last year to complete the re-equipment of its airforce. Losses in the Six-Day War and normal attrition intensified Israel's need for more aircraft as a deterrent to aggression. The de Gaulle embargo not only blocked the planes Israel had bought and largely paid for but also, the spare parts and replacements needed to keep the Israeli squadrons air-worthy.

While the French embargo has been in effect, Israel has been making strong efforts to purchase American-built Phantom fighter-bombers but has not received authorization. The Skyhawk fighter planes now being shipped to Israel from the United States are not considered to be as effective weapons as the Mirage fighters and the latest model Soviet-built MIGs.

### Wilson Pledges British Government to Work for Equitable Mideast Solution

LONDON, Mar. 20 (JTA)--Prime Minister Harold Wilson pledged that his Government "is ready and determined to do whatever is possible to help bring about an equitable and peaceful solution to the problems of the Middle East." His statement was contained in a message of greeting to the Poale Zion (Labor Zionist) party of Great Britain on the occasion of their 62nd annual conference which will open here Saturday evening. The Prime Minister thanked the Labor Zionists for "your valued part in the work of the Labor Party."

### Belgian Senator Renews Plea for 'Marshall Plan' for Middle East

BRUSSELS, Mar. 20 (JTA)--Paul Struye, chairman of the Belgian Senate, reiterated his appeal to the affluent nations of the world to contribute toward a "Marshall Plan" for the Middle East as a means of rehabilitating the peoples of that region and achieving a lasting peace. Mr. Struye, who is leader of the Libre Belgique movement, made the proposal several months ago. It was adopted in principle by the consultative assembly of the Council of Europe.

Mr. Struye said that only a collective international effort could finance irrigation projects and land reclamation to provide employment and food for the refugees. He warned against the "decaying" situation in the Middle East today which he said is an obstacle to peace and is against the interests of both parties in the Middle East dispute.

### Histadrut Cancels May Day Parade Because of Day of Mourning for War Dead

TEL AVIV, Mar. 20 (JTA)--Histadrut, Israel's labor federation, announced that it will not hold its usual parade on May Day, the traditional international labor holiday, because it conflicts with the day of mourning for those who fell in Israel's war for independence in 1948. The memorial day which precedes Israel's Independence Day celebrations, falls on May 1st this year according to the Hebrew calendar. It will be observed as a day of rest for all except those employed in essential services, Histadrut said.

### Jerusalem Planning Board Reported in Agreement on Plans for West Wall Plaza

JERUSALEM, Mar. 20 (JTA)--The dispute on the design of the West Wall Plaza between Israel's Chief Rabbi, the Minister of Religion and the Jerusalem Municipality, was reportedly settled today at a meeting of the district town planning committee. Earlier in the day, President Zalman Shazar and Premier Levi Eshkol separately visited the site. An issue in dispute was what areas should be set aside for worshippers and which for sightseers.

### Israel News Briefs

PARIS, Mar. 20 (JTA)--President Habib Bourguiba of Tunisia reportedly said last night that "the legitimate aspirations of the Jewish people to recover their dignity and home cannot be ignored." He urged the United Nations to find "a fair and lasting solution for this problem."

JERUSALEM, Mar. 20 (JTA)--Three hundred students are enrolled in courses given by the Hebrew University's Department of American Studies, double the number that enrolled when the department was installed last year, Prof. J. Jarieli, head of the department reported today.

JERUSALEM, Mar. 20 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Abba Eban will leave here Sunday on an official visit to Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg and Italy where he will meet with the foreign ministers of those countries to discuss the Middle East situation and Israel's bid for association with the European Common Market. Mr. Eban will visit Norway, Sweden and Finland early in May.

LONDON, Mar. 20 (JTA)--Rumors of an imminent resumption of diplomatic relations with Israel by Czechoslovakia were reported here by the Guardian's correspondent, Geoffrey Moorhouse, in a dispatch from Prague.

BONN, Mar. 20 (JTA)--Karl Schuetz, Lord Mayor of Berlin, will pay a five-day visit to Israel at the end of the month. Mr. Schuetz, a close friend of the West German Foreign Minister, Willy Brandt, will meet with Israel Government leaders.

## Little Indication That Gomulka Has Been Able to Slow Down Anti-Semitic Drive

LONDON, Mar. 20 (JTA)--Observers expressed doubts today that Polish Communist Party boss Wladyslaw Gomulka had succeeded to any considerable extent in slowing down the anti-Semitic campaign that government and Communist Party officials have been carrying on in an attempt to discredit the student protest movement. Gomulka, who had been absent from Warsaw and silent while the anti-Jewish, "anti-Zionist" campaign gathered momentum, tried in a two-hour speech yesterday to soften the effects of the campaign which has had such unfavorable repercussions abroad for Poland.

The Communist leader told a meeting of 3,000 party officials in Warsaw that "it would be a misunderstanding if we saw in Zionism a danger for socialism in Poland, for its social-political system." He warned against a blanket indictment of all of Poland's Jews and said that before charges were made against anyone, they should be checked with the proper authorities. He said that Communism rejected both Zionism and anti-Semitism as "two sides of the same medal."

Secretary Gomulka praised the Polish Jews who were truly linked to Poland but said that "we are ready to offer emigration passports" for those Jews who gloried in Israel's victory last June. These people, he said, were not "linked with Poland" but with Israel and were "Jewish nationalists." The "most numerous group" of Jews, he said, considered Poland "the only fatherland."

The Communist leader, who himself created the basis for the current wave of anti-Semitism by his threats last June against Polish Jews who had exulted in Israel's victory, showed concern at the indiscriminate nature of the current attack on the Jews. He pointed out that many of the Jews he considered loyal to Poland "hold important and responsible posts in the party and administration."

Either Mr. Gomulka's intervention was not strong enough or not enough time had elapsed for his fiat to reach all government ranks. The Warsaw Radio in a news commentary designed for listeners abroad, continued the attack on "Zionists." It said last night that some of those arrested as ringleaders in the demonstrations or still free but involved "are visibly tainted with the brush of international Zionism. These people," it said, "cannot forgive Comrade Wladyslaw Gomulka for criticizing last June those who could not and would not understand and appreciate the Israeli aggression against peaceful Arab countries."

A Warsaw radio commentary for home consumption returned to the topic of the Babel Club, a Jewish student organization, and described it as "a club notorious for its joy at the success of Israel's aggression against the peace-loving Arab states."

## President's Conference Condemns 'Vile Slander' of Zionism by Gomulka

NEW YORK, Mar. 20 (JTA)--A demand that Polish Communist party chief Wladyslaw Gomulka declare "clearly and forcefully" that the Jews of Poland "may live and work in security and dignity" was voiced today by Rabbi Herschel Schachter, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations. Rabbi Schachter commented at a press conference on Gomulka's speech yesterday in Warsaw in which the Polish leader apparently sought to dampen a Polish Government campaign to link two weeks of student demonstrations with "liberal Jews" and "Zionists."

The Presidents Conference endorsed a student protest against the Polish campaign, which was held this afternoon near the Polish Mission to the United Nations here.

Rabbi Schachter said the Presidents Conference welcomed Gomulka's offer, made in his Warsaw speech, to allow Polish Jews to emigrate to Israel but added that it was hoped that Jews who seek to leave Poland "will suffer no official harassment or delay." Rabbi Schachter then assailed "as a vile slander" the linking by Gomulka of Zionism with anti-Semitism as "two sides of the same nationalist medal" and the Polish leader's "veiled threats" in implying that Jews in key Government positions disagreeing with the Government policy "should resign their posts before they are dismissed."

Rabbi Schachter said he would meet in Washington Monday with Polish Ambassador Jerzy Michalowski to discuss "the current wave of anti-Semitic incitement by Polish Government and Communist party leaders." The rabbi added that Gomulka failed, in his Warsaw speech, "clearly and forcefully to state that the Jews as Jews were not responsible" for the protests in Poland. He assailed the charges against Polish Jews as "vicious libels on a small, powerless and defenseless community of Jews."

## Canadian Jewish Congress Condemns 'Baseless Propaganda' by Polish Regime

MONTREAL, Mar. 20 (JTA)--The Canadian Jewish Congress, in a statement today, denounced the "baseless propaganda by Polish politicians and the Polish press alleging that Jews or Zionists are instigators of the current unrest in Poland." The statement, issued by Michael Garber, Congress president, said the campaign was "an outrageous calumny against a small Jewish community of 20,000 souls, a tiny remnant of the three million Jewish citizens of pre-war Poland, who were the victims of mass murder by the Nazi anti-Semites."

Speaking for the Canadian Jewish Congress, Mr. Garber said "it is unthinkable that the Polish Government should permit the Jews to be exploited as a scapegoat for its present internal difficulties and fail to denounce this attempt to revive the traditional anti-Semitism of former reactionary forces in Poland."

## Prosecutor Asks Life Imprisonment for Seven Nazis in Lwow Murder Trial

STUTTGART, Mar. 20 (JTA)--The prosecution asked the Stuttgart court today to find eight defendants guilty and to free four others in the marathon trial of the former Nazi officials held responsible for the mass murder of Jews in Lwow (Lemberg) during the Nazi occupation of Poland. The prosecutor asked sentences of life imprisonment for seven of the defendants, the maximum under West German law since the abolition of the death penalty. He asked a four-year sentence on an eighth defendant and agreed to the acquittal of four others. Four other defendants remain to be brought to trial in connection with the Lwow murders.

During the course of the long-lasting proceedings, some 250 witnesses, most of them Jewish survivors, gave testimony against the defendants. The trial was considered the biggest war crimes trial since the first trial of officials of the Auschwitz death camp.

## Former SS Man Is Sentenced to Life Imprisonment For Wartime Murder of Jews

BONN, Mar. 20 (JTA)--A former SS man convicted of participating in the murder of Jews during World War II was sentenced to life imprisonment by a court in Kiel today. The defendant is Franz Josef Mueller. A co-defendant, Herman Heinrich, was given a six-year suspended sentence and released.

## Experts To Meet in Montreal in World Assembly on Human Rights

MONTREAL, Mar. 20 (JTA)--Thirty-five human rights experts from all parts of the world will meet here Friday for a six-day World Assembly on Human Rights. They will meet in their individual capacities in a private observance of the International Year for Human Rights to be held under United Nations auspices in Teheran in April.

Among the experts who will participate in the Montreal sessions are Justice Haim Cohn of the Supreme Court of Israel; Dr. Maxwell Cohen, dean of the law faculty of McGill University, Montreal; Justice Harry Batshaw of the Superior Court of Montreal, and Prof. Julius Stone of the Sydney University Law School, Sydney, Australia. Trygve Lie, first Secretary-General of the United Nations, and Chief S. O. Adebó, United Nations Under-Secretary-General and executive director of the U.N. Institute for Training and Research, will be co-presidents of the assembly.

Representatives of a number of Jewish non-governmental organizations accredited to the United Nations, will attend the conference as observers in a personal capacity. Saul Hayes, executive vice-president of the Canadian Jewish Congress, has been invited to participate as an observer as have representatives of the American Jewish Committee, the World Jewish Congress and B'nai B'rith.

## Oldest Active Jewish Congregation in Australia Celebrates 90th Anniversary

SYDNEY, Mar. 20 (JTA)--The oldest active Jewish congregation in Australia marked its 90th anniversary here with thanksgiving services at the Great Synagogue and at a banquet at which former Prime Minister Sir Robert Menzies and Dame Pattie Menzies were the guests of honor. More than 1,000 worshippers heard Rabbi Israel Porush, the Great Synagogue's Jerusalem-born Chief Rabbi, recall the saga of the first Jewish pioneers to settle in Australia 180 years ago. They also heard an address by Lord Casey, the Governor-General, who recalled his participation in the military campaign that liberated Palestine from Turkish rule in the 1914-18 war. Lord Casey paid tribute to Jewish achievements and added, "your race has known great persecution over much of your long history but through it you have preserved your identity and your courage and spirit."

Rabbi Porush noted that the first Jewish colonists in Australia were too few in numbers and too poor to organize collective religious life. But in 1831, when economic conditions improved and more Jews arrived, the first congregation was organized, the progenitor of the present Great Synagogue.

## Yeshiva University Award Presented to Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia

VANCOUVER, B.C., Mar. 21 (JTA)--The Yeshiva University award was presented here last night to Maj. Gen. George R. Pearkes, Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia, at a dinner attended by 350 members of the community held under the auspices of the Vancouver Friends of Yeshiva University. Messages were read at the dinner from Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson and Robert Stanfield, leader of the Conservative Party. Establishment of a George R. Pearkes Scholarship Fund at Yeshiva University was announced at the dinner.

## Mrs. Johnson, Vice President to Participate in B'nai B'rith Women's Convention

WASHINGTON, Mar. (JTA)--Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson will participate in a "Salute to Youth" luncheon and Vice-President Hubert H. Humphrey will be keynote at the triennial convention of B'nai B'rith Women opening here Sunday. More than 600 delegates, including representatives of B'nai B'rith Women from Canada, Great Britain, Israel, West Berlin, Australia, India and Latin America, will attend the four-day meeting of the 140,000-member organization.

## Dr. Blumenfield Retires as Jewish Agency Education Director

NEW YORK, Mar. 20 (JTA)--The retirement of Dr. Samuel M. Blumenfield as director of the department of education and culture of the Jewish Agency-American Section, was announced yesterday at a luncheon in his honor tendered by the Jewish Agency. Dr. Blumenfield will resume his academic career and will serve as a consultant to the Hebrew Culture Foundation.