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## Eban Assails UN Council's 13-0 Jerusalem Vote, Vows Jerusalem Will Remain Reunified

JERUSALEM, May 22 (JTA)--A resolution voted 13-0 by the Security Council yesterday calling upon Israel to rescind the unification of Jerusalem was greeted with bitterness and disappointment here. Foreign Minister Abba Eban told a press conference that Israel will continue its policy of maintaining a united Jerusalem and will stand by its pledge to grant each religious group free access to the places it considers holy, "a promise no previous Government of Jerusalem has ever made," Mr. Eban said.

He assailed the Security Council document as "a dark chapter in the moral history of the international organization." Mr. Eban pointed out that the Council "has not once censured aggression against the population of the city, against the cultural and religious institutions in it and against the savage tearing away of Jews from the place they consider holiest - the Western Wall." The Security Council "comes alive" to the issue of Jerusalem "only when the city has become unified and is on the way to becoming integrated and when, for the first time in 20 years, the Jewish people have access to their holy places," he said.

But, Eban declared, Israel's policy regarding the peace mission of United Nations envoy Gunnar V. Jarring, established by the Security Council's Nov. 22, 1967 resolution, remains unchanged and Israel will continue to support Dr. Jarring's efforts to end the Middle East conflict. He said this reaffirmation of support was the outcome of yesterday's Cabinet meeting.

The United States and Canada abstained from voting. Nations favoring the resolution were Britain, France, the Soviet Union, Pakistan, India, Senegal, Ethiopia, Denmark, China (Nationalist), Brazil, Paraguay, Algeria and Hungary. The measure was sponsored by Pakistan and Senegal.

## Labor Minister Proposes Incorporation of Virtually All of Jordan Valley into Israel

JERUSALEM, May 22 (JTA)--The future status of the West Bank, the most heavily populated territory occupied by Israel in last June's war and the one with the longest border, is being pondered by Israelis and Arabs alike. Israel's official policy is that the West Bank is "negotiable" within the framework of formal peace talks. But Minister of Labor Yigal Allon, one of the most prominent members of the coalition Cabinet, today unveiled his own plan for the West Bank which calls for a form of partition of the region between Israel and Jordan. At the same time, West Bank Arab leaders have revived the idea of an autonomous Palestine Arab state on the West Bank which presumably would conclude separate peace arrangements with Israel.

Neither idea has been presented in the form of an official proposal. Gen. Allon, the 1948 war commander of Palmach, the elite striking force of Haganah, published details of his plan here today for the first time. It would incorporate the whole of the Jordan Valley into Israel with the exception of the Judeaan and Samaritan mountains, the latter to be the subject of negotiations with Jordan. Gen. Allon tested it on a group of professors and intellectuals meeting informally at his home. It received a cool reception.

The creation of a separate Palestinian entity on the West Bank is known to be favored by a number of Arab dignitaries who are opposed to reunification of the region with Jordan. They have been afraid to speak out because of the heavy El Fatah terrorist activity on the West Bank in recent months. But El Fatah incursions have diminished markedly in the past month owing to more effective measures by Israeli security forces, and the plan is being openly advocated again. Last night, Ayoub Mousalem, former Development Minister of Jordan, a native of Bethlehem, addressed students at Tel Aviv University. He said that the first move toward peace must come from the Israelis who should return Palestinians' property and see that the refugees are returned to their homes and compensated. He said there could be no peace as long as the Palestinian nation feels degraded in the eyes of its Arab brethren.

Mousalem made no mention of a Palestine Arab state. But his appearance and pleading on behalf of the Palestinian Arabs was regarded as significant.

### Allon Says Jews Have Right, Duty To Settle All 'Eretz Israel'

Gen. Allon based his plan for the West Bank on what he said was the right and duty of Zionists to settle all of "Eretz Israel" with no moral stigma attached. He said the Jordan Valley, which has a population of only 18,000, should be settled by Jews, with a corridor connecting the Judeaan and Samaritan mountains with the East Bank of the Jordan River. He said that security must have top priority and that although the Hashemite King of Jordan has no historic rights to the West Bank, negotiations with King Hussein or with West Bank leaders should not be ruled out. He stressed that peace treaties alone cannot protect Israel from Arab designs and must be protected by practical means. He thought there was no political wisdom in annexing the whole of the West Bank even if there was an historical justification for doing so. Even West Bank Jewish settlements now being created can be annulled if political expediency requires it, Gen. Allon said. He admitted that his stand has not been approved by the

Government. Allon's critics among his intellectual visitors thought that his plan would only increase Arab fears that Israel is bent on an expansionist course. They said it would create further unrest rather than pacifying the region and would amount to an armed peace or an armistice without real peace.

#### Iraqi Foreign Minister Assails Proposal For Palestinian State

LONDON, May 22 (JTA)--Proposals for the establishment of a separate Palestinian Arab state on the West Bank were attacked by Iraqi Foreign Minister Ismail Khairallah, the London Times reported from Beirut today. The Iraqi said that the Arabs rejected all "suspicious" plans. A proposal this week by Tunisian President Habib Bourguiba that the United Nations troops replace Israeli forces in occupied territories was ignored in Cairo and condemned in Damascus, the Times reported.

A statement issued by the Israel Cabinet yesterday, affirming Israel's stand on direct peace negotiations with the Arabs was viewed by the Arab press as evidence that the "hawks" in Israel have the upper hand. That was the headline in one Beirut newspaper. An Amman paper claimed that the Israel Cabinet was "blowing up the Jarring mission and the Security Council resolution," the Times reported.

#### **British Foreign Secretary Says Canal Closure Part of Whole Middle-East Issue**

LONDON, May 22 (JTA)--The British Government takes a view that the continued shut-down of the Suez Canal, in which 15 merchant ships have been stranded since last June, is not an isolated problem but part of the whole Arab-Israel dispute, Foreign Secretary Michael Stewart told the House of Commons. Mr. Stewart spoke in reply to Labor MP Emanuel Shinwell, who asked if pressure was being applied on Egypt to reopen the canal.

Laborite J.T. Price expressed the view that the Egyptians, by their closure of the canal, are trying to hold Britain up for ransom. "Are they not looking to this country for a massive loan?" he asked. Mr. Stewart replied that the Government was in touch with Egypt and Israel and doing everything possible to obtain the release of the stranded ships. He said he could not forecast when practical results could be expected.

Stewart disclosed in Commons that the Government had considered the idea of a temporary international custodianship of the Arab territories occupied by Israel in last June's war as one of several proposals should the peace-seeking mission of United Nations envoy Gunnar V. Jarring end in failure. He spoke in reply to a question by Dennis Walters, Conservative MP, who has consistently championed the Arab cause against Israel. Mr. Walters brought up the custodianship plan.

Conservative Party leader Edward Heath today reiterated his party's policy that "no settlement in the Middle East is acceptable if it does not recognize Israel's right as a full member of the United Nations to live a life of its own choosing." That statement, made by Mr. Heath on June 7, 1967, was repeated in a letter addressed to Moshe Davis, press officer of the Zionist Federation of Great Britain. The Federation wrote to Mr. Heath last week asking him to reaffirm the Conservative Party's policy toward Israel and to repudiate the anti-Israel statements made by Mr. Walters. The latter told an Arab rally here that Zionism must be "obliterated."

#### **Zvi Lurie, Veteran Zionist, Dies at 62; Headed Jewish Agency's Organization Dept.**

TEL AVIV, May 22 (JTA)--Zvi Lurie, head of the Jewish Agency's Organization Department, died yesterday of heart failure. He was 62. Born in Lodz, Poland, he came to Israel in 1925. A member of Kibbutz Ein Shemer, he was a leader in the Mapam Party. Mr. Lurie was a member of the Vaad Leumi (Knesset Israel), the organizational framework of the Palestinian Jewish community during the British Mandate. When it was abolished in 1948 and a provisional council of state was formed, he joined the latter body. He was a signatory to the Declaration of Independence.

#### **Reporter Serving Jewish Press Visits Egypt, Sees Construction of Military Installations**

TEL AVIV, May 22 (JTA)--A reporter of the Day-Morning Journal, a Yiddish daily newspaper in New York City, and a Tel Aviv daily, said here today that he saw large scale construction of underground military installations while traveling between Cairo and Alexandria. Gershon Jacobson, who is also a correspondent for the Tel Aviv daily, Yediot Acharonot, told reporters that he conferred in Cairo with Egyptian Foreign Minister Mahmoud Riad and Mohammed Hassan Heykal, editor of the semi-official newspaper, Al Ahran, of Cairo.

Mr. Jacobson told reporters here that he received the impression that Egypt was not interested in peace because any such agreement was regarded as yielding to Israel. Officials fear that if peace came, Israel's economy would engulf Egypt, he said. Mr. Jacobson said that on a desert road between Alexandria and Cairo, which is closed to private transportation, he saw workers building either an airstrip or missile launching base. He traveled the road by bus.

Mr. Jacobson obtained his visa from the Egyptian Embassy in the United States. The Embassy, he said, was fully aware of his newspaper connections. He said that many Egyptians knew about him and sought his autograph.

## Washington Group Alleges Unscrupulous Jews Are Root Cause of Negro Anti-Semitism

WASHINGTON, May 22 (JTA)--A group of young Jewish intellectuals, calling themselves "Jews for Urban Justice," alarmed by the rise they feel is occurring in anti-Semitism among Negroes, today charged that "unscrupulous Jewish businessmen and landlords are the root cause of this anti-Semitism." Alleging that Jews are "part of the power structure" and that Jews "gyp and rob" Negroes in the ghetto, the group demanded that "rabbis, social action groups, and leaders of the Jewish Community Council focus primary attention on the actions of their own constituency."

A spokesman charged that the Jewish Community Center here had refused a Negro request for shower and bathing facilities for the Poor Peoples demonstration. He alleged that the center relented only after pressures were brought to bear. (After the Center designated hours during which facilities would welcome Negroes, none showed up, it was learned.)

A study made by Jews for Urban Justice, released to the press was based on interviews with rabbis, chairmen and presidents of 18 District of Columbia area Jewish organizations and synagogues. A spokesman for the Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington said, however, that no interview was sought with Council leaders.

It was alleged by Jews for Urban Justice that large groups pass resolutions on equality but no action follows on the grass-roots level. Of 13 Reform rabbis requested to permit a Negro mother on public welfare to speak, only one agreed, according to the report. Among the charges was one that a "slumlord" prosecuted by the authorities was honored during the High Holy Days when his synagogue permitted him to carry the Torah.

"We found few, if any, rabbis or social action committees that were seriously addressing the issue of dishonest and discriminatory practices among members of their own congregations...it was evident that the Orthodox and Conservative Councils of Rabbis, as well as the Washington Board of Rabbis, have not concerned themselves with the more serious social action problems confronting the Washington community...We noted the complete absence of social action committees or activities in Orthodox synagogues and the opposition to such activities by Orthodox rabbis," the group said. The group demanded "more emphasis on the relevance of the Judaic ethic to contemporary problems of our society." Members conducting the press conference at the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism were Michael Tabor, Susan Pogash and Sharlene Kranz.

Jewish communal sources attacked the report as allegedly slanted and unscientific because of generalizations. They said that in recent months "Black Power" elements have refused Jewish cooperation in solution of local problems. It was reported that a considerable sum of money and food was contributed through the Jewish community to the Poor Peoples March and the aims of the demonstration were endorsed by the Jewish Community Council. Jewish volunteers have worked in various capacities to assist the demonstrators. A main point made in rebuttal was that the Jewish community could no more take responsibility for every unethical merchant who might be Jewish than Protestant or Catholic groups could be blamed for unscrupulous persons of those faiths.

## Thousands of Jewish Students Around The World Protest Soviet, Polish Repression

LONDON, May 22 (JTA)--Thousands of Jewish students marched on Soviet embassies here and abroad today in a series of coordinated demonstrations protesting the repression of Jewish religious and cultural life in Russia and demanding, in the name of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights promulgated 20 years ago, that Soviet Jewry be accorded the same rights and freedoms as other citizens of the USSR. The demonstrations were organized by the World Union of Jewish Students which has branches on campuses in 30 countries around the world.

Students here picketed the Soviet Embassy for five hours this afternoon and passed out handbills describing the situation of Soviet Jews. The demonstration went off without incident but attracted large crowds and numerous television and press photographers. A telegram was sent to the Soviet Embassy by the Inter-University Jewish Federation and the University Committee for Soviet Jewry which co-sponsored the demonstrations. Malcolm Lewis, coordinating chairman of the organizing groups, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that messages of solidarity were received from Jewish and non-Jewish students in every British university. Some of the messages came from Communist student groups, he said.

In Glasgow today, Jewish students combined the protest to the Soviets with a similar demonstration in front of the Polish Consulate demanding an end to the Warsaw regime's anti-Jewish campaign. A delegation of students was received by the Polish vice consul. He refused to accept their petition on the grounds that its contents pertaining to anti-Semitism in Poland were untrue.

In Haifa, thousands of Technion students assembled today on the Mount Carmel campus for protest rallies against anti-Semitic manifestations in Russia and Poland. They were addressed by Dr. Joseph Burg, Minister for Social Affairs, who declared that neither the Israel Government nor any Jew in the free world would stand by while their brethren are persecuted in violation of all international conventions and of their legitimate and fundamental human rights. The Technion students sent cables to United Nations Secretary-General U Thant, to the International Committee for Human Rights, and other institutions.

## Mrs. Meir, Sapir Urge Emergency Bond Campaign To Aid Israel's Development

NEW YORK, May 22 (JTA)--An appeal to Jewish communal leaders in more than 70 United States cities to place the Israel Bond campaign on an emergency footing for the rest of 1968 to make up cuts in Israel's development budget to meet increased defense needs was made here today by Mrs. Golda Meir, former Israel Foreign Minister, and Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir. Mrs. Meir, in the U.S. for a visit, declared over a nationwide telephone hookup that the struggle in Israel "to maintain our posture for peace" would leave no choice "but to sacrifice our economic development program" unless the Bond campaign provided additional funds to preserve agricultural and industrial gains. The appeal from Mr. Sapir was contained in a message read at the telephone conference by Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, Israel Bond vice-president. Samuel Rothberg, national campaign chairman for Israel Bonds, also participated.

Mr. Sapir called for an intensified Bond campaign to help fill the gap created by a 20 percent (\$57 million) cut in the State's development budget to meet a supplementary defense budget of \$140 million. The balance is to come from the people of Israel. Sapir declared that defense spending had reached such a peak this year that "the only way we can finance our security needs is by sacrificing our economic development, which is hardly less vital." Dr. Schwartz warned that "until peace stops being a dream and becomes a fact," crisis "will remain part of the daily experience of our fellow Jews in Israel."

## Catholic Priest Warns of New 'Silence' in Connection with Mid-East Crisis

NEW YORK, May 22 (JTA)--A Roman Catholic priest warned here today that another "silence," similar to one of which various churches were accused last year in the wake of the Six-Day War, may be building up in connection with the continuing Middle East deadlock. Rev. Edward H. Flannery, assistant to the director of Judaean-Christian Studies at Seton Hall University, South Orange, N.J., a Catholic institution, spoke at a special meeting of leaders of the Zionist Organization of America attended by more than 1,000 persons from the New York metropolitan area.

He said that "the Gentile and Christian opinion in the United States...appears interested only in the question of boundaries, refugees, Holy Places and the 'over-reaction of Israel' to her harassment...It is time for Christians to face the real issues of this grave situation, namely the threat of annihilation of some two and a half million Jews and of a state that has been established by the international community and has been in existence for these last 20 years," Father Flannery said.

Jacques Torczyner, ZOA president, condemned yesterday's Security Council resolution that called on Israel to rescind its reunification of Jerusalem. "These one-sided actions by the Security Council do not enhance the prestige of that organization which was not able to prevent the Six-Day War," he said. He warned that the United Nations peace envoy Gunnar V. Jarring's peace mission "is endangered by this partisan action."

## New American College in Jerusalem Opens in October with 80-100 Enrollment

NEW YORK, May 22 (JTA)--The newly-established American College in Jerusalem will begin its first academic year in October with an initial enrollment of between 80 and 100 students, all from abroad, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned today. Dr. Norman Greenwald, president of the college, said that it was a non-sectarian institution, privately financed and with no organizational affiliations. Its primary purpose, he said, is to afford English-speaking students from Diaspora countries an opportunity to study in Israel while earning an American liberal arts degree. The college is chartered by New York State and is utilizing leased land and rented buildings in Jerusalem.

Dr. Greenwald said that instruction will be given entirely in English. But intensive study of Hebrew and of Israel's history and culture will be mandatory. One of the main purposes of the college is to keep its students in Israel for longer than one year, something that other foreign-sponsored study programs in Israel have failed to do, he said. Up to now, Dr. Greenwald said, foreign students have had to leave the country just when they were beginning to know its language, people and culture. Because instruction will be in English and American academic methods will be used, the new college will not accept Israeli students. Dr. Greenwald said he expected the enrollment eventually to number between 500 and 600, but the college will be kept small.

## Gold Challenges Jewish Center Movement To Rise To Current 'Crisis of Society'

LOS ANGELES, May 22 (JTA)--The Jewish Center movement has been challenged to meet the current "crisis of society" by discarding the theory that Jewish centers should be a "vast playground" and establish instead programs of study and action. The challenge was issued by Bertram Gold, executive director of the American Jewish Committee, in an address to a 25th anniversary meeting of the Los Angeles Jewish Centers Association, which he formerly served as director.

He declared also that Jewish youth was non-intellectual and non-cultural in Jewish terms and that traditional liberalism had been rejected by Jewish youth activists. He told the meeting also that, among the non-activist Jewish youth, there was a withdrawal from reality into mysticism and use of drugs.