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Ball Hands Johnson Letter To Eshkol, Believed To Reaffirm President's 'Five Points'

JERUSALEM, July 15 (JTA)--Ambassador George Ball, the United States chief representative to the United Nations, delivered a personal letter from President Johnson to Prime Minister Levi Eshkol today as the two met for 90 minutes. Earlier, Mr. Ball met for two hours with Israel's Foreign Minister Abba Eban in talks which, informed sources said, indicated that there was no basic difference between the United States and Israel on permanent peace in the Middle East and the need for an agreed solution of the Arab-Israel dispute.

The meetings here today were the first contacts between Israeli leaders and top level American diplomats in Israel since the June, 1967 Arab-Israel war. Mr. Ball was accompanied by Assistant Secretary of State Joseph Sisco and Alfred Atherton, chief of the State Department's Arab-Israel desk. Sitting in on the meetings were U.S. Ambassador Walworth Barbour and senior officials of the Israel Foreign Ministry and the Prime Minister's office. The contents of Mr. Johnson's letter to Mr. Eshkol were not made public. But it is understood that the President reiterated the principles of his "five points" for the Middle East which he stated in July, 1967.

Mr. Ball said, on his arrival at Lydda Airport yesterday, that he and his party came to Israel to get first hand insights into the problems of common concern to both countries in the context of the region and the United Nations. In this connection, it was understood that Mr. Eshkol and Mr. Eban expounded the Israeli view of the Middle East situation in detail. Mr. Eshkol is reported to have told Mr. Ball that he truly believed that the intention of President Nasser of Egypt was to destroy Israel. He drew attention to Mr. Nasser's recent statements in Moscow which, in his view, aimed at nothing less than total war against Israel. Mr. Eshkol recalled that in the 1930s, Hitler expressed his aim to destroy the Jewish people, but most people did not believe him at the time.

The Israeli Prime Minister also voiced deep concern over the continued Soviet rearmament of Egypt and other Arab countries, a point that was reportedly also emphasized by Mr. Eban. Both of them asserted that no credence could be given to the Russian proposal for the curtailment of arms shipments to the Middle East because Russia was boasting that it had supplied the Arabs with better, more modern weapons. They said that the arms balance in the region was once more unfavorable to Israel and that American arms supplies for Israel were therefore essential. Mr. Eshkol repeated Israel's desire for peace which, he said, could be brought about only through direct negotiations. Mr. Eban reportedly warned against misinterpretation of the so-called current Egyptian "peace offensive" which he described as misleading. The Israelis were believed to have told the American diplomats that the Suez Canal could be reopened whenever the Egyptians agreed to the principle of free navigation for all, including Israel. They also stressed that Israel could not withdraw its basic demand for direct peace talks because the Arabs have stated their absolute adherence to the Khartoum formula of August, 1967 which in effect, demanded Israel's destruction.

Dirksen Urges Sale Of Phantoms To Israel, Sees 'Explosive Situation' In Mid-East

WASHINGTON, July 15 (JTA)--Senate Republican leader Everett M. Dirksen warned today that the tense truce now existing between Israel and the Arab states was jeopardized because the United States Government has failed to approve the sale of Phantom jets to Israel. He said in a statement issued here that the Administration should act now to provide Israel with the jets it needs.

He said, "the surest way to bring about another disruption of the all-too-slender truce which presently exists in that area is to permit an imbalance of power to develop," adding, "we should not only give assurance to Israel on this matter but proceed to deliver the weaponry which she requires."

Mr. Dirksen said that a joint statement issued by Prime Minister Levi Eshkol and President Johnson last January at the LBJ Ranch about "sympathetic" U.S. examination of Israel's military needs was inadequate.

Sen. Dirksen said an "explosive situation" was developing in the Middle East following the Soviet military build-up of the radical Arab states, the French jet sale to Iraq and the U.S. supply of jets to Jordan. He also noted the massive Russian naval power developing in the Mediterranean. The Dirksen statement now puts the Republican leadership of both Senate and House clearly on record favoring immediate sale of Phantoms to Israel.

Eshkol Says Johnson Promises Answer 'This Year' On 50 Phantoms

JERUSALEM, July 15 (JTA)--Prime Minister Levi Eshkol told a group of visiting Canadians yesterday that President Johnson "promised to give me an answer this year" on the 50 F-4 Phantom jets that Israel had requested. He said the promise was made when he visited the President at his Texas ranch last January and added, "we would be asking for 100 Phantoms if we could afford them." Mr. Eshkol's references to Israel's need for military planes to match the Soviet build-up of the Egyptian and Syrian air forces were made in a talk to a delegation representing the Canadian United Jewish

Appeal. Although there had been no action yet on Israel's request for the Phantoms, Mr. Eshkol noted "we have to bear in mind that it took us two years to get the Skyhawks, so there is still hope." The Skyhawks are a subsonic jet, slower than the supersonic Phantoms, which are America's most advanced operational fighter planes.

Mr. Eshkol said that Israel had 50 Mirage V jets in storage in France which remain undelivered because of the continued French arms embargo. He disclosed that the French offered to refund the \$60 million deposited there by Israel in final payment for the planes, but "we declined because we still hope to get the Mirages."

\$7,147,000 Spent On Defense Measures In Jordan Valley Settlements Since War

JERUSALEM, July 15 (JTA)--The Israeli Ministries of Housing and Defense have spent nearly \$7,147,000 since the Arab-Israel War on defense measures in 19 Jordan Valley settlements which are within range of Jordanian artillery, Housing Minister Mordechai Bentov said while visiting Beisan and Jordan Valley communities.

The minister said these efforts included construction of shelters and replacing tile roofs by reinforced concrete roofs, especially on children's homes, and promised that work on uncompleted projects would be speeded up.

Herut Urges Settlements On Borders Of Occupied Territories

TEL AVIV, July 15 (JTA)--The Herut Party warned today that Israel cannot afford to "squander" the advantages gained in the June, 1967 Six-Day War in view of the "aggressive intentions" of the Arab states. The party's central committee resolved to press for the establishment of new settlements along the boundaries of the occupied territories. The party, which is right-wing and intensely nationalistic, cited the Arab states' recent endorsement of the Khartoum policy as sufficient justification for the steps it advocates. The Arab summit meeting at Khartoum in August, 1967 called for no negotiations, no peace and no recognition of Israel.

Herut re-elected Arie Ben Eliezer, deputy speaker of the Knesset (Parliament), as its chairman. The party leader is Menachem Beigin, who is Minister Without Portfolio in the Eshkol coalition Cabinet.

Underground West Bank Campaign Against Paying Israelis Taxes Has Little Success

JERUSALEM, July 15 (JTA)--An underground campaign has been started on the West Bank to persuade the Arab residents to refrain from paying taxes to the Israeli authorities. So far, the campaign has apparently had little effect. Leaflets urging the Arabs to observe a tax strike were being circulated clandestinely in some of the West Bank towns.

Independent Liberals Cut Ties With World Union Of General Zionists

TEL AVIV, July 15 (JTA)--The Independent Liberal Party has cut its ties with the World Union of General Zionists within the World Zionist Organization and will henceforth act as an independent group in the WZO it was announced. The party leaders are Pinhas Rosen and Moshe Kol, the latter Minister of Tourism in the Eshkol Cabinet.

The Independent Liberal Party was created when the original Liberal Party split, one faction affiliating itself with Herut Party to form the Gahal alignment in the Knesset (Parliament) and Cabinet. The Independents had affiliated themselves within the WZO with the World Union of General Zionists headed by Dr. Emanuel Neumann, of New York. The Union itself was the result of a split within the World Confederation of General Zionists, a body now headed by Dr. Israel Goldstein, of Jerusalem and Mrs. Rose Halprin, of New York. The Independent Liberals are not represented on the new Zionist Executive that emerged from the 27th World Zionist Congress last month. But they said they would continue to cooperate with Hanoar Hatzioni, the General Zionist youth movement. The Liberal branch that forms part of Gahal is on the Executive and will continue its affiliation with the World Union of General Zionists.

Israel Expects To Increase Citrus Exports By 10 Percent, Marketing Official Says

TEL AVIV, July 15 (JTA)--Israel is expected to increase its export of citrus by 10 percent, during the coming season, to 42 million crates, according to Mordechai Makleff, newly appointed general manager of the Citrus Marketing Board. But he said that this year's export of 39 million crates brought in only \$83.6 million while the previous season's export of 35 million crates netted \$84.6 million.

Israel Prospecting For Oil In Several African Nations, Seeks Other Minerals

JERUSALEM, July 15 (JTA)--Israel is prospecting for oil in several African countries in order to widen its sources of the vital fuel, it was reported here today by an Israel Treasury spokesman. The names of the countries are closely guarded secret but the prospecting is being done by the National Petroleum Co. with the assistance of Israeli oil geologists and other experts, he said. He also reported that several Latin American countries have invited Israel to help in the search for minerals other than petroleum.

Tourist Industry Continues To Boom In Israel; Airplanes, Hotels Loaded

JERUSALEM, July 15 (JTA)--The booming tourist activity in Israel is expected to reach a new peak in July and the rest of the summer, reports from the Ministry of Tourism indicate.

In the first 12 days of July, 50,000 tourists passed through Lydda Airport, nearing the total number of tourists arriving last December, which set the record. All flights from the United States and Europe are booked to the end of the summer, and hotels are loaded to capacity.

Memorial Foundation For Jewish Culture To Concentrate Efforts On Youth

GENEVA, July 15 (JTA)--The so-called generation gap -- specifically the alienation of Jewish youth from the Judaism of their fathers -- was debated at length here today at the conference of the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture, a group that aims to revive Jewish culture and its institutions that were destroyed by the Nazis.

Some notable Jewish leaders attending the conference offered suggestions to bridge the gap. But a representative of the World Union of Jewish Students, an organization with chapters in 30 countries, indicated that youth prefers to go its own way, although it wants "a certain amount of material aid without strings."

According to Edy Rauch of the Students Union, Jewish students, like other students all over the world, resent guidance proffered by their "elders and betters" because they reject the world that their "elders and betters" had created and did not consider them fit guides.

The emphasis throughout the debate was on Jewish education as the best means of helping the young survive as Jews. Michael Fidler, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, thought that "love of Jewishness and of Israel" were the two prerequisites of a good Jewish education. Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the Keren Hayesod, fund-raising arm of the World Zionist movement, and a prominent rabbi, deplored the quality of Jewish teachers. "We must make the teaching of Jewish subjects both a viable and honorable calling," he said, "otherwise we land in the vicious circle of no remuneration, no good teachers and the victims are the young." Dr. Moses Rosen, Chief Rabbi of Rumania, said that Torah is the basis of Jewish education but added that by Torah he meant not only prayer but social consciousness.

Terming the Foundation, which has 42 member organizations, "the most representative body ideologically speaking in Jewish life," its president Dr. Nahum Goldmann outlined its program for the coming year.

It will concentrate, he said, on chairs in Judaica at universities in Israel and at "great institutions of Jewish learning in America and elsewhere"--all dealing with the problem of "Jewish youth and Jewish intellectuals." The Foundation's Executive Committee, which will meet next winter, will further consider the projects which, Dr. Goldmann said, will be carried out in conjunction with other Jewish organizations.

Dr. Finkelstein Sees Danger In Lack of Understanding Between Generations

LONDON, July 15 (JTA)--Dr. Louis Finkelstein, chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary of New York, warned today that "a new and dangerous gap in civilized society" is being created because of the lack of understanding between the generations. Speaking at the opening session of the World Council of Synagogues before 200 delegates from 14 countries, Dr. Finkelstein said that the Conservative movement was seeking to bridge the gap and to develop a continuing dialogue between the generations on the questions giving youth the greatest concern today.

Youth today, Dr. Finkelstein said, has far greater technical knowledge than the majority of their elders. "Nevertheless," he noted, "there are some permanent insights into life which we have inherited from our ancestors and which are indispensable to the development of our children's lives. The curious difference between mastery of techniques and lack of experience and understanding of the permanent truths is creating a new and dangerous gap in civilized society."

In the United States, he said, these questions included the type of educational administration being provided in high schools and colleges; the treatment accorded minority groups, particularly Negroes; whether the war in Vietnam could be justified, and the paradox of people starving in the midst of affluence in America itself and beyond its borders.

"There can be no doubt," he emphasized, "that the questions raised by American youth of its elders are very pertinent, even if the answers seem somewhat more obvious to a more staid generation." He declared that "the solution of such a problem of failure of communication--which in America is felt in almost every urban family and is now convulsing the great colleges and universities--cannot lie in authoritarianism, for authoritarianism is dead and cannot be resurrected. It must be in a new teamwork between the young, living in a new world, and their elders, deriving from a different world which yet had many wise insights, which can be forgotten only at our peril."

Emmanuel G. Scoblionko, president of the World Council, stressed in his opening address, the great unity existing among the Jews of the world today following the Six-Day War and contrasted it with the "great rifts" between Jews in Israel and between the Jews of Israel and the rest of the world two years ago when the Council last met. "In one swoop," he said, "these differences disappeared."

Expect Bremen To Be Sole State Meeting Indemnification Payments By Deadline

GENEVA, July 15 (JTA)--Only one of West Germany's 11 states -- Bremen --will be able to complete its payment of indemnification to surviving Jewish victims of Nazi persecution by Dec. 31, 1969, the deadline prescribed by law, it was disclosed here today at the annual meeting of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany. But the states that do not meet the deadline will be required by law to pay four percent interest per annum on all indemnification claims outstanding as of Jan. 1, 1970.

The Claims Conference, which utilizes funds received under the West German restitution agreement to provide relief, resettlement and rehabilitation for needy survivors of Nazi persecution living outside of Israel, will remain in existence until the new indemnification law is implemented, according to its president, Dr. Nahum Goldmann.

The law, enacted on Sept. 19, 1965, provided indemnification for Nazi persecutees who left Eastern Europe after Oct. 1, 1953, the effective date of the original indemnification law. As of Dec. 31, 1967, a total of 683,851 claims have been filed under the new legislation. In all, 3,800,572 claims for indemnification were filed between 1953 and the end of 1967, it was disclosed.

Of the West German states that are behind in their payment of claims, most hope to be able to complete the operation by the end of 1971. But in some, notably Rhineland-Pfalz and Berlin, payment may be drawn out until 1975 and beyond.

Czech Communist Paper Publishes Flood Of Letters Assailing Anti-Semitism

LONDON, July 15 (JTA)--A series of anonymous anti-Semitic attacks in letters to Dr. Eduard Goldstuecker, a prominent Czech writer and vice-rector of Prague's Charles University, has touched off a flood of letters denouncing anti-Semitism and expressing solidarity and sympathy with its victims, it was reported here from Prague today. Most of the letters, which come from scientists, students, teachers, soldiers, trade unionists and members as well as non-members of the Czech Communist Party, have been received by the party newspaper Rude Pravo. That newspaper last month published a copy of one of the anonymous anti-Semitic letters and an article by Dr. Goldstuecker pointing to the menace of anti-Semitism. On July 9, the scientific council of Charles University issued a declaration in defense of Dr. Goldstuecker which assailed anti-Semitism as "barbarian" and in conflict with the civilized traditions of the Czech state.

Observers in Prague believe that the vehement reaction against the anti-Semitic attacks was more than just a manifestation of sympathy with a highly respected intellectual. Dr. Goldstuecker is chairman of the Czech Writers Union. It was seen also as an attempt by Czechoslovakia to assert its independence from official Soviet policy and a determination to "form a progressive front" that will end intolerance.

Rude Pravo has published many of the letters supporting Dr. Goldstuecker. It has also published samples of the anti-Semitic mail. Some of the latter are signed "workers from the North" or "honest Czechoslovak workers." The paper assailed "this anonymous terror that dares to speak on behalf of the working class." At the time of Dr. Goldstuecker's article in Rude Pravo, it was pointed out in some circles that the liberalization movement in Czechoslovakia had so far benefited the intellectual and educated classes more than the mass of Czechs.

Plan Second World Assembly Of Synagogues And Their Bodies in Israel In 1969

GENEVA, July 15 (JTA)--A conference of European rabbis and heads of European Jewish religious communities, which concluded here, voted to convene a second world assembly of synagogues and synagogue bodies in Israel next summer. The conference, in which Baron Alain de Rothschild, president of the French Jewish Consistory, played a prominent role, adopted a plan under which communities "better endowed spiritually and materially" would extend help to weaker Jewish communities.

Oldest Immigrant Comes To Canada -- A 102-Year-Old Jew From Morocco

MONTREAL, July 15 (JTA)--Canada's oldest immigrant, 102-year-old David Cohen, arrived here from Tiznit, Morocco. The white-bearded Mr. Cohen was accompanied by his 56-year-old wife, Leah, and his 21-year-old daughter, Simy. He has a married daughter here and two other children in Israel.

Israeli Contingent Taking Part In Four-Day March In The Netherlands

THE HAGUE, July 15 (JTA)--A contingent of 54 Israeli soldiers and officers has arrived in The Netherlands to take part in the nation's four-day route march. Representatives from various armies and thousands of Dutch civilians participate in the annual event.

Israel Files \$200 Million, 20-Year Bond Issue With Securities And Exchange Body

WASHINGTON, July 15 (JTA)--Israel has filed \$200 million of 20-year five and one-half percent dollar coupon bonds with the Securities and Exchange Commission here. The bonds, to mature serially from 1988 to 1991, will be sold through the Development Corporation for Israel, in New York City.

The Corporation said it does not expect conditions in the current bond market to influence plans for sale of the issue. The bonds will be permitted to be bought only by banks, labor unions and other institutional investors.

The new issue is a continuation of the First Development Investment issue of \$100 million in 20-year four and three-quarter percent bonds which sold out after they were put on the market in March, 1966. The Second Development Investment issue is expected to sell out in about four years, the Development Corporation said.

Proceeds from the sale will be funneled to the development of aviation, agriculture, telecommunications and a variety of other industries, according to the Israel Government.