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Eshkol Government Easily Defeats Knesset Non-Confidence Vote On West Bank Issue

JERUSALEM, Feb. 11 (JTA) -- The Knesset (Parliament) by a majority vote today defeated a motion of no confidence in the Government of Prime Minister Levi Eshkol. The vote, 74-five, with seven abstentions, came only hours after Mr. Eshkol and Deputy Prime Minister Yigal Allon managed to avert a break in the coalition Cabinet.

The motion of non-confidence and the Cabinet crisis stemmed from remarks attributed to Mr. Eshkol which were published this week in Newsweek magazine. He reportedly told Newsweek's senior editor, Arnaud de Borchgrave, in an interview that Israel was not interested in retaining the heavily populated Arab centers on the West Bank such as Nablus and Jenin. The Gahal (Herut-Liberal Party alignment), which opposes Israeli withdrawal from the Arab territories occupied in the June, 1967 war, seized upon the alleged remark as a "sell-out" to the Arabs. The National Religious Party, another coalition partner, claimed that it did not reflect the position adopted by the Cabinet or approved by the Knesset.

The motion on non-confidence was introduced by the four-member Free Center faction, a group that broke away from Herut several years ago but which shares its views on the occupied territories. The motion's fate was never in doubt. However, the threat of a split in Mr. Eshkol's "national unity" Cabinet loomed as a possibility. It was removed today following a meeting of Gahal ministers with Mr. Eshkol which was attended by Deputy Prime Minister Allon. The Gahal ministers said afterwards that they would support Mr. Eshkol in the Knesset. Representatives of the religious bloc met separately with Mr. Allon and said later that they would make every effort to preserve the coalition.

Allon Says Version Eshkol Saw Did Not Contain Controversial Statement

The coalition partners were apparently satisfied with the Prime Minister's explanation that the remark attributed to him was not authorized. Mr. Allon said, after the Knesset debate today, that he had "read carefully" the version presented for Mr. Eshkol's approval before the interview was cabled from Jerusalem to New York. He said the controversial paragraph was not included in that version and there was no reference at all to the political future of the West Bank in the story which Mr. Eshkol approved. Mr. Allon said he assumed the alleged remarks were based on impressions gathered by the Newsweek editor in the course of a more than two-hour conversation with the Prime Minister. He said Mr. Eshkol provided considerable background material during the interview.

Foreign Minister Abba Eban said at a meeting of the Jerusalem Press Club today that some members of the Cabinet believe that secure borders for Israel do not necessitate Israel's rule over one-and-a-half million Arabs. He said the Government has not yet decided on any plan.

Shmuel Tamir, head of the Free Center faction, said he talked with the Newsweek editor who, he claimed, confirmed that Mr. Eshkol had made the remark in question. Observers here said that the affair was closed as a result of today's events. However, in the opinion of some, it indicated a trend among some members of the Government--Mr. Eshkol, Mr. Allon, Mr. Eban and Defense Minister Moshe Dayan--to favor withdrawal from the occupied territories except for the Golan Heights, Jerusalem, Gaza and Sharm el-Sheikh.

Find Buoy Belonging To Dakar; Israeli Submarine Was Lost In 1968 With 69 Aboard

TEL AVIV, Feb. 11 (JTA) -- A marker buoy washed up on a Gaza Strip beach has been identified as belonging to the missing Israeli submarine Dakar which vanished with all hands in the eastern Mediterranean on or shortly after Jan. 25, 1968. That was the date on which the last radio contact was made with the submarine and its 69 officers and crewmen.

Vice Admiral Abraham Botzer, commander of Israel's Navy, and Commander Joseph Dror of its submarine flotilla disclosed at a press conference today that the buoy was found by an Arab last Sunday on a beach north of Khan Yunis. The Navy commanders said the buoy was standard submarine equipment housed in a special enclosure on the submarine's deck and releasable from inside the undersea craft. The buoy contained an automatic transmitter capable of broadcasting SOS signals and the sub's serial number for 60 to 80 hours. They said that markings on the buoy and an attached rope identified it as coming from the Dakar.

They stressed, however, that the discovery was not a clue to the whereabouts of the missing sub sufficient to warrant a renewed search. They noted that currents in the eastern Mediterranean may have floated it to the North African coast where it fell in with the Nile current that flows northward along the Sinai and Israel coasts. They said that should an examination of the buoy reveal further information, the question of a new search would be reviewed. The Dakar, a 20-year-old British-built submarine, was purchased by the Israel Navy and was on its first voyage to Israel from the Portsmouth naval base in England when it was lost.

Dayan Visits West Bank Towns Troubled By Students And Business Shut-Downs

TEL AVIV, Feb. 11 (JTA) -- Defense Minister Moshe Dayan made a surprise personal tour today of West Bank towns that have been troubled by student demonstrations, school strikes and business shut-downs for the past two weeks. While Gen. Dayan was visiting Qalqilya and Nablus, a hand grenade was

tossed into the yard of a boy's school in Gaza by a terrorist who later told captors that he had orders to throw grenades in various parts of the town to keep tension high.

Shops and schools were open in East Jerusalem today where Israeli police yesterday arrested nine Arab high school boys and eight girls for trying to organize an anti-Israel demonstration. Seven Arabs, mostly teachers and students, were expelled to Jordan yesterday via the Damiya bridge for fomenting civil disorder in West Bank towns. Among the deportees was Kassem Muhammed Hijjawi, a Nablus high school teacher accused of receiving funds from the Jordanian Government to pay teachers not to cooperate with Israeli authorities.

Gen. Dayan walked into a Qalqilya schoolyard today where students were idle in observance of a school strike. He mounted a rock and talked to the youngsters in Arabic and English, asking them to return to classes. Their reply was, "When Nablus goes back to school, we'll do the same." In Nablus, the largest West Bank town, another school strike was in progress, Gen. Dayan conferred with the military commander of the area. Most Nablus shops were open today.

Beirut Paper Confirms Reports Of Guerrilla Build-Up In Southern Lebanon Mountains

TEL AVIV, Feb. 11 (JTA) -- A Beirut newspaper confirmed Israeli intelligence reports of a massing of guerrilla forces in the mountains of southern Lebanon--information that the Lebanese Government has alleged was false. According to the English-language Daily Star, Palestinian guerrillas from Syria were hiding in frontier caves on the slopes of Mount Hermon and "it would take several thousand troops" to clean them out.

Israeli security officials established precautionary measures recently along the Israel-Lebanon border in response to reports that 500 Arab terrorists were concentrated near the junction of the Israeli, Syrian and Lebanese frontiers. Beirut authorities contended that the Israeli reports were false and were intended to justify "preparation for new aggression" by Israel. Israeli officials said the Arab commandos had improvised bases in largely deserted areas which afford them natural cover for new incursions against Israel.

Report Jordan Concerned Over Impending Increase In Guerrillas

LONDON, Feb. 11 (JTA) -- Jordan is deeply concerned over the impending increase in the number of armed guerrillas on its territory and is seeking the cooperation of Egypt to alleviate the situation, the London Times reported from Beirut today.

The visit of Jordanian Prime Minister Bahjat al-Talhouni to President Gamal Abdel Nasser in Cairo was described officially as an exchange of views, but there is no doubt that the principle question discussed was the impending transfer of some 4,000 regulars from the military arm of the Palestine Liberation Organization, now in Egypt, to the East Bank of Jordan, the Times reported. The guerrilla organization announced that the transfer would be made without consulting the Jordanian Government, according to the dispatch.

Israeli Tanks, Artillery And Jets Hit Saboteur, Guerrilla Bases In Jordan

TEL AVIV, Feb. 11 (JTA) -- Israeli tanks, artillery and Air Force jets struck back at saboteur and guerrilla bases in Jordanian territory in separate actions last night and this morning which covered the entire front from the Beisan Valley in the north to the desert region south of the Dead Sea.

Jet supported artillery bombarded guerrilla positions in the remote Arava district of the Negev last night following rocket and mortar attacks on Neot Hakikar and the Dead Sea Potash Works. A military spokesman said the region has become the principle base for saboteurs since winter floods have made the Jordan River impassable.

Tanks and artillery were brought into action this morning following three attacks on Israeli patrols in the Beisan area and southeast of Lake Tiberias. The guerrillas used bazookas, mortars and automatic weapons in attacks in the Ashdod Yaacov area and near the Yarmuk river. Jordanians opened fire this morning on Israeli forces south of the Dead Sea. The fire was returned and the attack was silenced without casualties on the Israeli side. Last night Israelis and Jordanians exchanged fire at the Damiya bridge after an attack on an Israeli patrol by Katyusha rocket-launchers.

Israeli security circles expressed concern over the discovery of a new French-made "Mat" sub-machine gun in the possession of captured Arab saboteurs last week. The weapon is standard equipment for the French Army and is not supposed to be for sale. Sources here said the Arabs may have obtained the weapon through private channels, but there was a possibility that they were supplied directly by France.

Ring-Leader Of Arab Gang Involved In Jerusalem Grenade Incident Gets Life Term

TEL AVIV, Feb. 11 (JTA) -- A life sentence was imposed yesterday on one of a group of seven East Jerusalem Arabs found guilty by a military tribunal of planting grenades in downtown Jerusalem last August. The others received sentences of from 15 to 30 years in prison. The ring-leader of the gang, Noeff Al Zarro, drew the maximum sentence. The sentences were decided by a majority vote among the judges. One recommended capital punishment as a deterrent to the terrorist acts, though the prosecution had not asked for it.

Egyptian Sniper At Suez Canal Wounds Third Israeli Soldier In Six Days

TEL AVIV, Feb. 11 (JTA) -- Egyptian snipers at the Suez Canal today wounded an Israeli soldier, the third one shot in six days.

Security Council Meeting Called Off After Israel Defers Action On Law

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. Feb. 11 (JTA) -- A meeting of the Security Council, called by Jordan over a planned Israeli implementation of a law on registration of businesses and licensed professionals in East Jerusalem, was postponed indefinitely yesterday. Andre Berard of France, the February president, said the meeting was postponed because Israel announced previously it would defer implementation of the law for three months, until May 23.

Jordan asked for the meeting on a complaint that the law would require that such businesses and professionals now under Arab auspices be registered under Israeli law. The request was denounced by the Israeli Mission here as an attempt to involve the United Nations in "irrelevant technicalities" at a time when Middle East peace hung in the balance.

The Israeli statement referred to continued "terror warfare" by Jordan and other Arab governments against Israel, the execution of Iraqi Jews "because they are Jews," and the continued presence of Jews in prisons and concentration camps in other Arab countries. The statement then added that in such circumstances, and particularly when Dr. Gunnar V. Jarring, the UN mideast peace envoy, was about to resume his peace mission, the Jordan complaint was "the height of frivolity and irresponsible malice."

Lord Russell Accuses Warsaw Regime Of Circulating Anti-Semitic Document

LONDON, Feb. 11 (JTA) -- Lord Russell (Bertrand Russell), the British philosopher, has accused the Warsaw regime of continuing to circulate among Polish workers a "horrifying document of crude anti-Semitism" which charges that Jews control world financial power and are all subversive agents for Israel no matter in what countries they live.

Lord Russell referred to the document in reply to attacks on him which appeared recently in the Polish dailies, *Tribuna Ludu* and *Zycie Warszawy*. The denunciations followed his recent letters to Polish Communist Party chief Wladyslaw Gomulka decrying Poland's official anti-Jewish campaign.

According to Lord Russell, the anti-Semitic document was titled, "Zionism, Its Genesis, Political Character And Anti-Polish Image." It was written by Wladyslaw Kmitowski and released last year by the Lodz Center of Party Propaganda. It was still being circulated among members of the Polish United Workers Party for instruction purposes, Lord Russell said.

The document contended that "arousing anti-Semitism is one of the aims of Zionism, because militant Zionism does not desist from any means." It told Polish workers that after World War II, Polish Jews lost all connection with the working class and became part of the ruling elite. "A few thousand Polish citizens of Jewish origin consolidated their privileged position, becoming a majority in entire departments, such as the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Ministry of Culture and Arts, and also in the leadership of the Ministry of Public Security," the author contended.

The document claimed that "persons who have been recently exposed as guilty of activities harmful to Poland of a subversive Zionist nature have never declared themselves as Zionists and cosmopolitans. On the contrary, they have always declared themselves as Poles who have at most only some long forgotten Jewish ancestors...The Jews have for many centuries retained a resolute alienation and a tribal religious hostility toward the goyim...Today Zionism demands from all Jews national awareness. But it states openly that only a part of them will be able to become citizens of Israel and that the greater part should remain in other countries, not because of lack of space in Palestine but purposefully and deliberately in order to guard...vigorantly the financial power over the world that has been acquired by the Jews."

Protests Against Iraqi Executions Continue; Canada Considers Extending Aid

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. Feb. 11 (JTA) -- Despite the Iraqi Government's announcement that it would not try any more Jews on charges of spying for Israel, anger over the recent execution of nine continued today.

In Baltimore, a protest against the hangings and a reaffirmation of support for Israel's hopes for peace were registered by 1,200 demonstrators at a two hour rally sponsored by the Baltimore Jewish Council.

From Ottawa it was reported that the Canadian Government was considering ways to assist the beleaguered Jewish community of Iraq and Jews in other Arab countries but was proceeding cautiously in order not to jeopardize them further.

The small Jewish community of Guatemala was supported by public figures, Cabinet ministers and the press in a condemnation of the hangings. A public protest meeting at the Guatemala City synagogue was attended by several hundred non-Jews. Messages of sympathy were received from Emilio Arnales Catalan, Foreign Minister of Guatemala and the current president of the United Nations General Assembly.

In Bonn, a West German television reporter said in a broadcast from Baghdad that Iraqi authorities told him that all evidence against the nine Jews had been destroyed as soon as their trial ended. The reporter said that was the reply he got when he asked officials to produce evidence of their guilt.

Former SS Officer Sentenced To 4 Years' Imprisonment For Murdering Jewish Editor

BONN, Feb. 11 (JTA) -- A former SS officer, Friedrich Gruettenmeier, was sentenced yesterday to four years imprisonment for complicity in the 1933 murder of a Jewish journalist, Felix Sachsenbach.

Rabbi Poupko Will Represent Rabbinical Council At Rabbi Levin Birthday Event

NEW YORK, Feb. 11 (JTA) -- The Rabbinical Council of America (Orthodox) has named Rabbi Bernard Poupko of Pittsburgh to represent it at a celebration in Moscow in honor of Rabbi Yehuda Leib Levin's 75th birthday, Rabbi Israel Klaven, executive vice-president of the Orthodox rabbinical group, confirmed today. The celebration will be held at Rabbi Levin's Central Synagogue in Moscow on Feb. 23. Other American rabbis planning to attend the celebration are Pinhas Teitz of Elizabeth, N.J., a member of the presidium of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada, and Arthur Schneier of New York, both friends of Rabbi Levin. The invitation was extended to Rabbi Poupko in the form of a letter in Hebrew, signed by Menasha Michalowitz, chairman of the Committee of 20 which governs the Central Synagogue.

Rabbi Poupko, chairman of the Rabbinical Board of Greater Pittsburgh, told JTA that he believed that the celebration marked the first time in the history of the Soviet Union that an affair was being held in honor of a rabbi. He said that he understood that the organized Jewish community had extended the invitation to rabbis in a number of countries but that he had no information on such invitations. The Rev. C. J. McNaspy, editor of the Jesuit periodical, America, will also attend the celebration.

Offers House Bill To Aid Israel In Building Nuclear-Powered Desalting Plant

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 (JTA) -- A bill that would provide United States technical and financial assistance to Israel in the construction of a nuclear-powered water desalination plant has been introduced in the House of Representatives by Congressman James C. Corman, California Democrat. The envisaged plant would be capable of producing up to 150 million gallons of fresh water and 400,000 kilowatts of electricity daily.

Congressman Corman said that the U.S. Department of Interior has been assisting Israel since 1964 in a study to determine the feasibility of the project. He said that while the study was still incomplete, "indications are that there is considerable promise and a great need for a large scale nuclear desalting plant in Israel by 1975."

Jewish, Lutheran Scholars And Theologians To Hold First Theological Consultation

NEW YORK, Feb. 11 (JTA) -- More than 30 Jewish and Lutheran scholars and theologians will meet here March 6 for the first theological consultation between the two faiths, it was announced by the American Jewish Committee and the Lutheran Council, joint sponsors of the event. Co-chairman of the meeting will be Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum, director of inter-religious affairs of the AJCommittee, and the Rev. Dr. Paul D. Opsahl, of the Lutheran Council.

Obituaries

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 (JTA) -- Dr. Hymen Ezra Cohen, who combined rabbinical service and college teaching with 26 years as a Government employee, died at 61. The first president of the Washington Board of Rabbis, he capped his public service career as an administrative planner, programmer and researcher by serving as planning officer and senior analyst for the Civil Aeronautics Board. He held a doctorate in political science from the University of Chicago and taught there for 10 years, was an adjunct professor of political science at American University here, and was on the Michigan State University faculty. He was chosen editor of the President's Materials Policy Commission in 1951, and wrote a number of books.

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 11 (JTA) -- Rabbi Harry Kaplan, director of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation at Ohio State University for 33 years and midwest regional director since 1948 of the Jewish campus organization, died at 67. Rabbi Kaplan held the longest tenure of service in the campus ministry of any Hillel rabbi.

JERUSALEM, Feb. 11 (JTA) -- Funeral services were held Sunday for Rabbi Ovadia Hadaya, a member of the Rabbinical High Court. He was 78 years old. Rabbi Hadaya unsuccessfully sought election as Sephardic Chief Rabbi of Israel 10 years ago against Rabbi Itzhak Nissim. Both Chief Rabbis Nissim and Isser Untermann were among the mourners at the funeral.

LONDON, Feb. 11 (JTA) -- Shlomo Adler, head of the Atid Navigation Co., Ltd. of Haifa, and a prominent figure in Israeli shipping, died here at the age of 57. Mr. Adler settled in Palestine in the 1920s. He was one of the early founders of Haganah, Jewish Palestine's defense force, and at one time served as aide de camp to Gen. Orde Wingate, the British military commander who helped train Haganah members. Mr. Adler served as president of the Israel shipowners pool in 1948, an organization which mobilized Israel's meager shipping resources to bring in vitally needed supplies during the country's War for Independence.

LONDON, Feb. 11 (JTA) -- Kurt Schwarz, chairman of the relief committee of Jews from Czechoslovakia and a former newspaper editor, died here at the age of 65. Mr. Schwarz left Czechoslovakia in 1938. He had been deputy editor of the "Prager Boersen," a financial newspaper published in Prague.

Chief Rabbi Of Israel's Armed Forces Guest Of Air Force At Cape Kennedy

CAPE KENNEDY, Fla. Feb. 11 (JTA) -- Rabbi Shlomo Goren, chief rabbi of Israel's armed forces, was guest here Sunday of the Air Force. He was greeted in a special order of the day issued by the commanding officer of the headquarters, eastern test range, Patrick Air Force Base. The rabbi witnessed the launching of a Titan III rocket.