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## **Labor Party Fails To Act On Dayan Proposals To Define Israel's Territorial Demands**

TEL AVIV, Aug. 5 (JTA) -- The Israel Labor Party ended its convention today without approving key platform planks dealing with security, foreign policy and policy toward the occupied Arab territories. Those planks were referred to the party's central committee which was empowered to make a final decision. The left-wing Mapam Party which has entered into a political alignment with the Labor Party, followed an identical course at its own convention which closed today.

The plank on Israel's security frontiers, proposed by Defense Minister Moshe Dayan, was a controversial issue at the Labor Party convention. The disagreement was apparently not on the substance of the proposals but over the wisdom of officially committing Israel's major political party to them at this time. Gen. Dayan proposed that Israel permanently retain the Golan Heights, the Gaza Strip and a section of the Sinai Peninsula linking it with the Sharm el-Sheikh strongpoint and that the Jordan River be established as Israel's eastern security frontier. Gen. Dayan agreed that his proposals should constitute an "unwritten" platform plank which party speakers could refer to during the election campaign.

### Eban, Party Leaders Urge Retention of 'Balanced Formula' On Boundaries

But Foreign Minister Abba Eban and other leading Party members feared that such a plank might impair Israel's image as a peace-seeking nation and harm prospects for eventual peace negotiations. Mr. Eban urged the Party not to abandon the "balanced formula" of "secure and agreed boundaries" which he said, in no way alters decisions already made by the government. He said the government has decided that Israel will remain where it is until peace negotiations determine "secure and agreed" boundaries. In other words, he said, Israel would not withdraw from the occupied territories but those areas are not to be annexed.

The public discussion of the boundary question at the Party convention prompted the Israeli Foreign Ministry to draw attention today to the fact that no mention was made of specific borders or territories in the written text of the Party's platform. A Ministry spokesman said the platform dealt only with principles. Foreign Minister Eban said at an earlier session of the convention that by adhering to the principle of "agreed and secure" boundaries, Israel could undertake a wide range of activities in the occupied territories without jeopardizing the chances for peace or placing itself in an unfavorable light with its friends abroad.

### Gen. Allon Says Jordan River Should Be Israel's Political Frontier

Deputy Premier Yigal Allon also took issue with proposals advanced by Gen. Dayan. He said that Israel's policies in the occupied territories, while in large measure successful, "suffer from lack of decision, lack of aim. We still do not know exactly what we want and where we are going."

Mr. Allon said the Jordan River should be Israel's political frontier because "security frontier" might imply demilitarization on the Israeli side as well as the Jordanian. He said he didn't know what Gen. Dayan meant when he called for the economic integration of the occupied zones with adjacent areas of Israel. He warned against "hasty economic steps" before there is a decision on the political future of the territories. However, he said, the local Arab leadership must be encouraged to establish home rule while Israel administered internal and external security.

One platform plank that the convention received with an ovation stated that Israel would continue to demand that the Soviet Union grant permission to any Russian Jew who wishes to immigrate to Israel. On that subject, the platform declared that Israel would "not stand by in the face of an increasing wave of anti-Semitism in Russia and would expose it in every arena and in all media. Israel will also continue to demand that Jews remaining in Russia are not deprived of their basic rights."

### Diplomats In Beirut Asserted Reported Israeli Demands Would Block Political Solution

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5 (JTA) -- Diplomatic analysts in Beirut hold little hope for a political solution of the Middle East crisis in view of the reported Israeli proposals as to its future boundaries, the Washington Post reported from the Lebanese capital today. The proposals, part of the platform that the Israeli Labor Party was expected to adopt at its convention in Tel Aviv, called for permanent retention of the Golan Heights and the Gaza Strip as well as a section of the Sinai peninsula and would establish the Jordan River as Israel's eastern "security frontier."

"Optimists seeking a diplomatic end to Arab-Israeli conflicts were left with little but the hope that the Labor Party platform statement might be more of an election year stand than a final declaration of minimum conditions acceptable to Israel," the Post said. It reported that editorialists in Damascus, Cairo and Beirut had already branded the Israeli proposals "expansionist." The paper said diplomats in the Lebanese capital believe that in order to achieve a negotiated settlement with the Arabs, Israel would have to return Sinai to Egypt and the Golan plain to Syria, though Israel might retain the heights. The Gaza Strip and the Sharm el-Sheikh strongpoint commanding the Gulf of Aqaba would have to be turned over to some international body and some kind of international control over East Jerusalem would have to be devised, according to the Post report.

**British Labor Party Parley To Act On Strong Mideast Resolution Upholding Israel**

LONDON, Aug. 5 (JTA) -- A strong resolution on the Middle East situation proclaiming Israel's "absolute right" to exist as a sovereign state and to enjoy the right of free passage through international waterways has been included on the agenda of the forthcoming British Labor Party conference and appears certain of adoption.

The resolution, sponsored by the British Poale Zion, also expresses concern that no advance has yet been made toward peace in the Middle East; records the conviction that cease-fire violations and terrorism are an escalation towards a new war, and deplores the continuing unbalanced supply of arms to the Middle East. The party conference will open at Brighton on Sept. 29.

**Thousands Watch Israeli Paratroopers In Exhibition of Precision Jumping Off Tel Aviv**

TEL AVIV, Aug. 5 (JTA) -- Tens of thousands of Tel Aviv residents lined the seashore today to watch a display of precision jumping by an Army paratroop brigade which, for the first time, included 36 girl soldiers.

The occasion was Paratroop Day. Premier Golda Meir was in the crowd. Last night she addressed the paratroopers in Ramat Gan park. "I know there is still no peace," she said, "but I feel secure. If it is our fate to be recruited and alerted in every corner of our land, it is good to know that you and your comrades are manning the borders."

The jumpers demonstrated free style and controlled drops into the sea.

**Five Terrorists Killed In Clashes With Border Patrols; Massive Searches In Gaza Strip**

TEL AVIV, Aug. 5 (JTA) -- Five Arab guerrillas were killed in encounters with Israeli patrols south of the Dead Sea and in the Golan Heights during the past 24 hours, a military spokesman announced. Four were gunned down in the action near the Dead Sea last night and one escaped leaving behind four Kalachnikov assault rifles, a 60 mm. mortar and a quantity of explosives. The fifth guerrilla was killed today in a skirmish north of Kuneitra. He too carried a Kalachnikov rifle.

Israeli and Egyptian forces exchanged artillery, mortar and small arms fire along the Suez Canal last night and today. The main targets of the Egyptian gunners were north of Kantara, opposite Ismailia and south of the Bitter Lake. No Israeli casualties were reported.

Israeli security forces conducted massive searches in the Gaza Strip which has been subjected to a wave of grenade throwing and sabotage in recent days. An Israeli policeman was wounded when grenades were thrown at two police cars near Gaza last night. An Army ambulance taking him to the hospital was also hit by grenades which wounded a soldier.

Israeli troops shot down an Arab who hurled a grenade into the Abu Azzis cafe in central Gaza today, wounding three soldiers and a civilian. Saboteurs set off explosives in an Israeli-owned packing house near Gaza after tying up two watchmen. Guerrillas also held up a movie house in Gaza and fired shots from a balcony at the stage. An Israeli spokesman said saboteurs failed in an attempt to blow up a munitions factory but succeeded in blowing up a section of a pipeline and railway tract in the Gaza Strip.

Fifteen East Jerusalem youths arrested recently on suspicion of organizing underground terrorist cells, were remanded in custody today. Several of them reportedly confessed to membership in illegal organizations. A total of 40 persons have been questioned in connection with the cells.

**New Papal Legate Sees Pope Playing Positive Role For Mideast Peace**

HAIFA, Aug. 5 (JTA) -- A Papal representative said on his arrival here today that he thought Pope Paul VI would "act toward peace" in the Middle East because peace is "the best and dearest thing in the world" to him.

Archbishop Pio Leghi, the new Apostolic delegate to Jerusalem, held an impromptu press conference aboard the Italian motorship Enotria. Questioned about the prospects of diplomatic relations between the Vatican and Israel, he said, "I think that with good will everything is possible." The Archbishop was received by representatives of the Foreign Ministry and the Ministry for Religious Affairs.

**BBC Bars Israeli From Television Course Mainly Attended By Arabs**

JERUSALEM, Aug. 5 (JTA) -- The British Broadcasting Corp. was reported today to have rejected an Israeli applicant for a television training course in London in which mainly Arab students are enrolled.

According to Itzhak Livni, director of the Israel armed forces broadcasting station who just returned from London, the Israeli applicant was a former member of the Army broadcasting staff. He was turned down on the grounds that inclusion of an Israeli in the course would have jeopardized the spirit of teamwork among the group. Mr. Livni said he protested to BBC officials who told him that if a sufficient number of Israelis wished to study, the BBC might arrange a special TV course for them.

Israel is presently involved in a controversy with the BBC over the latter's alleged pro-Arab bias in reporting news from the Middle East.

**Government Approves Expansion Of Jerusalem City Council To 31 Members**

JERUSALEM, Aug. 5 (JTA) -- The next Jerusalem Municipal Council will number 31 members, 10 more than its current total. The decision to add the new members was reached by the Ministry of the Interior at the request of Mayor Teddy Kollek. Interior Minister Haim Moshe Shapiro told Mayor Kollek that the expansion of the Council accorded with the increase in the population of Jerusalem which, with the Arabs of East Jerusalem, now totals 275,000.

## Almogi Sees Increased Israeli Need For Technologists; Engineer Shortage Feared

TEL AVIV, Aug. 5 (JTA) -- Labor Minister Yosef Almogi said today that Israel's anticipated economic growth over the next few years would easily absorb all Israelis presently studying abroad, mainly in technological fields. Mr. Almogi spoke at a convention of Israeli students abroad. He said there were about 10,000 Israelis engaged in undergraduate and graduate studies in foreign countries, 7,000 of them in the United States and the remainder in Western Europe.

A special committee headed by Maj. Gen. Amos Horev submitted a report to Mr. Almogi and to Zeev Sharef, Minister of Finance and of Trade and Industry, today warning that Israel may face a severe shortage of engineers and engineering technicians in the next few years. The report said that by 1973 a cumulative shortage of some 4,000 engineers and 14,000 engineering technicians was to be expected. The shortage, the report noted, would mainly be felt in the fields of vehicle production, production engineering, electricity and electronics, chemistry and food.

## Scholars From 16 Lands Attending World Congress of Jewish Studies In Jerusalem

JERUSALEM, Aug. 5 (JTA) -- Three hundred scholars from 15 overseas countries began intensive discussion today with some 500 Israeli scholars on various areas of Jewish studies including the contemporary Jewish history of the Nazi regime. They were attending the fifth World Congress of Jewish Studies.

Speaking last night at the opening session, in behalf of the visiting scholars, Prof. W.D. Davies of the United States deplored the fact that there was a gap between Jewish and Gentile scholars in the field. The American scholar said that this gap had prevented progress in a wide area of studies and declared that "we need each other."

Present at the opening session of the conference were President Zalman Shazar, Mayor Teddy Kollek of Jerusalem and President Avraham Harman of the Hebrew University.

## United States Team Holds Commanding Lead In Eighth Maccabiah Games At Ramat Gan

TEL AVIV, Aug. 5 (JTA) -- The United States widened its commanding lead in the Eighth Maccabiah games at Ramat Gan Stadium today amassing 60 1/2 gold medals, 35 1/2 silver medals and 30 1/2 bronze. Israel was second with 40 gold medals, 43 1/2 silver and 38 bronze. The third place British team had 8 1/2 gold medals, seven of silver and 12 bronze.

American tennis star Allan Fox took the singles tennis championship defeating Jean Sol of South Africa in the finals today, 6-2, 6-2, 6-3. The American swimmer, Debbie Lippman, added another gold medal to the American collection, taking first place in the diving competition.

Among yesterday's American gold medalists were Nancy Spitz, who won the 800-meter women's swim in 9:43; David Miachnik who won the men's epee competition; Steve Marcus who won the shot put and Cary Ross the high jump. Kenneth Dietz of the U.S.A. took the discus throw and Jeffrey Gapel the triple jump. The U.S. tennis team of Sox and Goldman won the men's doubles and Heldman and Rubinoff won the mixed doubles. Americans Cary Weiner, Fred Turoff and Mark Cohen won gold medals in gymnastic events. Julia Heldman of the U.S. won the women's tennis singles and Abigail Hoffman, of Canada, the women's 400-meter race.

A technical error kept the Uruguayan basketball team out of the semi-finals after the Tel Aviv district court ruled yesterday that they should be allowed to participate. The team was disqualified by the Maccabiah organizing committee after opposing teams complained that the Uruguayan basketball squad had two non-Jewish members. Maccabiah rules limit competition to Jews. The court ordered the team's reinstatement when the Maccabiah committee failed to defend its ruling. But the court order was addressed in error to the World Maccabiah Union whereas the games are under the jurisdiction of the International Maccabiah Games Committee. With the barring of Uruguay, the basketball finals will pit the U.S. against Israel. Uruguay was to have played Israel in the semi-finals.

## U.S. Library In Bucharest Will Offer Selection of Jewish Religious Books

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5 (JTA) -- Jewish religious books will be provided to Rumanian readers under a new library exchange agreement between the United States and Rumania announced here by the State Department.

The library exchange was signed in Bucharest on Sunday, it was disclosed, following the visit of President Richard M. Nixon. The U.S. library will be established in Bucharest by the U.S. Information Agency. A USIA official disclosed today that the agreement includes a clause guaranteeing no pre-censorship and that the USIA intends to stock the library with a number of books of Jewish religious interest. They will reflect the Reform, Conservative and Orthodox viewpoints, the official said.

The USIA also made known that reader interest will determine the addition of more Jewish publications and that the library will order titles requested.

## Eight Percent of Germans Believe Myth That Jews Are 'Most Powerful Group'

BONN, Aug. 5 (JTA) -- Although little more than 20,000 Jews remain in West Germany today out of a population of 60 million, eight out of 100 Germans still believe the Nazi-perpetrated myth that "the Jews are the most powerful group in the country."

This was disclosed today in a poll conducted by the Wickert Research Institute in Tuebingen. The questionnaire was answered by a cross-section of West Germans who were asked to select from a list the group they thought had the most influence in the country. Industry and banks topped the list with 23 percent; 19 percent thought the Catholic clergy was the most powerful group; 17 percent selected trade unions; 14 percent farmers organizations and 10 percent refugee groups. Observers here said the fact that eight percent selected Jews could be attributed to the "leftovers" of Nazi propaganda and the agitation of neo-Nazi and ultra-right wing groups.

## Writers, Intellectuals Ask Soviet Writers To Seek Cultural Freedom For USSR Jews

NEW YORK, Aug. 5 (JTA) -- More than 30 American writers, artists and university professors have appealed to the Soviet Writers Union to seek to restore the cultural freedom of three million Jews in the Soviet Union. The appeal was sponsored by the Jewish Labor Committee which said it had been sent to Moscow.

A number of intellectuals identified with the New Left which has often sided with the Arabs in the Middle East conflict were among the signatories. They included Dr. Noam Chomsky, writer and professor of anthropology; Michael Harrington, author and social scientist, and Nat Hentoff, author and journalist. The appeal was circulated by Saul Bellow, the novelist, and Irving Howe, professor of English at Hunter College.

Among other things, the letter charged that Soviet support of the Arab position "has hardened the campaign of anti-Semitism still more and threatens to completely eradicate an entire culture."

The appeal urged the Soviet Writers Union to use its influence for the restoration of Jewish schools, publishing facilities, periodicals, theaters and social clubs in the USSR. "You have lived through the destruction of all things Jewish under Stalin," the document stated. "You have seen the continuation of anti-Semitism under (Nikita S.) Khrushchev. You know that over three million Soviet Jews are still denied their basic civil rights--to Jewish education and religion, to any cultural or community existence. Official Soviet practice still perpetuates the oppressive policies which deprive Jews of any continuity with their past along with any hope of a future. Alone among the multitude of Soviet nationality and religious groups, Jews are singled out for discrimination, hostility and degradation."

The letter observed that "a large body of evidence has accumulated over the past five years demonstrating a sharp new sense of Jewish consciousness and identity, especially in the younger generation of Soviet Jews. Their tragedy is that they have no institutions--cultural, educational or social--through which to express that consciousness. In this fundamental way, the Jews of the USSR are uniquely deprived."

The letter explained why the Americans approached the Writers' Union on the matter. "It seems to us that writers and intellectuals must also be moral critics and guides of society," it said. "And so we appeal to you to assume a moral burden on behalf of the silent Jews of the Soviet Union. We ask you to do what you can to secure for Soviet Jews the option of perpetuating their heritage and culture, and so, to bolster their human dignity."

### San Francisco Launches Campaign To Send Rosh Hashanah Greetings To Soviet Jews

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 5 (JTA) -- A retired San Francisco businessman has started a campaign to send thousands of Rosh Hashanah greetings to Jews in the Soviet Union. The project, originated last year by the Committee for Soviet Jewry in Washington, D.C., was adopted by Harold Light of the Bay Area Council on Soviet Jewry, who hopes to put the project on a national basis.

Mr. Light has prepared a list of addresses of synagogues in the 62 communities in the Soviet Union that have a Jewish community and has sent the list, together with suggestions for the greetings, to national and local Jewish organizations, local Community relations councils, activists and the Jewish press. Mr. Light said he did not expect all the cards to get through Soviet censors, and he urged that the cards carry no anti-Soviet message, but a simple Rosh Hashanah greeting. He also urged the sending of greeting cards to Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin and Secretary General Leonid Brezhnev.

### **Conservative Rabbis, On Four-Nation Tour, Study Problems Of Latin American Communities**

CARACAS, Venezuela, Aug. 5 (JTA) -- A group of Conservative American rabbis visited here today on the last leg of a Latin American tour sponsored by the Rabbinical Assembly which took them to Mexico, Brazil, Argentina and Peru. In Buenos Aires, they established a local branch of the Rabbinical Assembly, the rabbinical organization of Conservative Judaism.

The group is headed by Rabbi Wolf Kelman, executive vice-president of the Rabbinical Assembly, who addressed a meeting of Venezuelan Jewish leaders. He said North American Jews too often hear only about the problems of their co-religionists in Latin America but not about their achievements. He said his group was impressed with "the richness and strength" of the Jewish communal institutions they visited on their tour. He said the tour would promote better understanding and cooperation between the Jewish communities of North and South America.

### **Leader Of Reform Jewry Bids Senate Reject Administration's ABM Defense System**

NEW YORK, Aug. 5 (JTA) -- A leader of Reform Judaism urged the United States Senate today to defeat the Administration's proposed ABM defense system because it "could become the first step in leading the world into a nuclear disaster."

The appeal was made by Rabbi Roland B. Gittelsohn, of Boston, president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the rabbinic association of Reform Judaism in the U.S. and Canada. "This may be humanity's last chance to turn back from a disastrous course," Rabbi Gittelsohn said, recalling that the CCAR's convention in June adopted a report "in the strongest terms" rejecting the ABM safeguard system. The Senate will vote on the ABM proposals tomorrow.

Rabbi Gittelsohn said, "We are thoroughly convinced that in the first instance, the system will provide no effective defense. The overwhelming weight of scientific evidence supports this assertion. Furthermore," he said, "we are convinced that deployment of the ABM system will render all attempts to reach an accord on armaments with the Soviet Union impossible, and will alarmingly escalate an already dangerous international arms race."