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## Eban To UN: Truce Violations Only Block To Peace Talks; Keep Resolution 242

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Oct. 28 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Abba Eban, in an impassioned appeal today to the General Assembly, urged that body to "vigorously refuse" to "erode" or "weaken" Security Council Resolution 242 of Nov. 22, 1967, which would "undermine the agreement so arduously achieved." Excoriating Egypt for being the "unrepentant author" of a "murderous" aggression against Israel, Mr. Eban reaffirmed that the Egyptian violations of the truce accord are "the sole obstacle" to resumption of peace negotiations. The Israeli Foreign Minister, who spoke for 45 minutes, charged the international debate called for by Egypt had been "degraded" by the "wicked charge" of "Israeli aggression" delivered Monday in the Assembly by Egyptian Foreign Minister Mahmoud Riad. Mr. Eban, by the tenor and wording of his address, firmly dispelled some published reports that Israel was softening its stand on a missile rollback. Saudi Arabian Ambassador Jamil M. Baroudy followed Mr. Eban with a condemnation of Zionism. The "acrimonious" condemnation of Israel in the Assembly Monday by the Egyptian Foreign Minister, Mahmoud Riad, would "gravely endanger" the chances for peace if endorsed by the Assembly, Mr. Eban declared. He

He branded Mr. Riad's speech as one that "hangs like a heavy cloud" over the Assembly, and declared that "rancor and hostility flow from every line." Egypt, Mr. Eban said, has launched an "international campaign of invective" designed "to prevent the peace dialogue, not to facilitate it." Mr. Riad, said the Israeli Foreign Minister, had the "effrontery" to charge "Israeli aggression" in June, 1967, the real aggression being Egypt's attempt "to strangle Israel to death." Egypt, Mr. Eban continued, has "massively violated" the standstill provisions of the cease-fire in a "perfidious" manner, wrecking the "equilibrium" achieved by the temporary truce. That Arab nation, he charged, has 500-600 SAM-2s and SAM-3s in the truce zone, compared with 17 prior to Aug. 8, when the cease-fire truce began, and one-third of them are SAM-3s manned exclusively by 3,000 Soviet personnel. The purpose of the missiles, Mr. Eban declared, is "to prepare for the resumption of war," and Israel cannot return to the Jarring talks "under this threat." The Israeli reasserted that mutual "confidence" is the key to a Mideast peace. The Assembly, Mr. Eban continued, "would injure serious potentialities" for peace if it endorsed Mr. Riad's charges and passed the anti-Israel measure sought by Egypt. Any such measure, he said, "would be offensive to the Charter which we have all signed."

Besides, Mr. Eban declared, any Assembly resolution on the Mideast would contravene Article 12 of the Charter, as "the Security Council is exercising its function in respect of this situation." Resolution 242, he warned, "should not be eroded," exclaiming: "Mr. Riad does not mention the Security Council resolution once without distortion...Mr. Riad misquotes the resolution directly." An example of such "distortion," he said, was the Egyptian's contention that Israel is required to withdraw from "the territories" occupied, rather than the "deliberately" amorphous "territories." Mr. Eban emphasized that his country's continued occupation of Arab areas constituted "not arbitrary expansion but legitimate security." The validity of all engagements and contracts voluntarily signed by nations should be the United Nations' chief concern, Mr. Eban went on. The cease-fire pact, he said, is "an international document of primary importance... a crucial test of good will and pacific intention," and the Assembly should avoid "another pitfall" and reject compromising motions. Assembly President Edvard I. Hambro of Norway announced after Mr. Eban's remarks that he had formally received the African resolution calling on Israel to return to the Jarring talks within two months. Its sponsors are Afghanistan, Burundi, Cameroon, Ceylon, Guinea, India, Mali, Mauritania, Nigeria, Pakistan, Senegal, Somalia, Tanzania, Uganda, Yugoslavia and Zambia.

## Sisco: Quiet Diplomacy Not Shouting Match At UN Is Way To Mideast Peace

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28 (JTA)--Assistant Secretary of State Joseph J. Sisco declared today that "We don't really feel that the way to peace is through a shouting match at the General Assembly." Interviewed on the CBS-TV affiliate here, WTOP-TV, the State Department official said of the Middle East debate now under way at the United Nations: "We don't feel that the way to peace is through propaganda exchanges in the General Assembly...One views these debates with understandable reservation." Such confrontations, he said, "contribute to making positions more rigid rather than developing the kind of flexibility that is required." Echoing the position of Israel in the matter, Mr. Sisco added that "Our hope is that the Assembly will act in such a way that it will not undermine the element of common understanding that has developed between the parties, and by this I mean there is an acceptance by all concerned of the Security Council resolution of Nov. 22, 1967." Israel has warned against "eroding" or "tampering" with Resolution 242.

"What is important," Mr. Sisco continued, "is that each member of the General Assembly should ask himself this question: 'What kind of conditions after the conclusion of this debate will be most conducive to quiet, ongoing efforts to get the talks started again under Ambassador (Gunnar V.) Jarring's auspices?'" Prior to today's remarks by the Assistant Secretary, U.S. spokesmen had said only that while the United States favored "quiet diplomacy," it had "no objection" to an Assembly debate on the Mideast. "Our purpose," Mr. Sisco reiterated, "is to get the cease-fire extended (and) do whatever we can to create the conditions of confidence which would permit the early resumption of the talks." Both President Nixon and Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban have in recent days emphasized that mutual confidence is the key to peace. Mr. Sisco said that the longer the cease-fire, "the better it would be."

On another aspect of the situation, Mr. Sisco observed that "the new leadership in Cairo is in the

process of establishing itself" and that "a little time is required" for it to "settle down." Asked about reports that the U.S. was conferring with guerrilla leader Yassir Arafat about a Palestinian state on the West Bank, Mr. Sisco said he had "no knowledge" of such reports. He said the Soviet Union's position of standstill violations in the Suez Canal zone "remains unchanged," explaining that the Russians "continue to deny any responsibility" for the Egyptian violations or for "rectification" of them. He added that the U.S. position--that the USSR does have such responsibility--also "remains unchanged." Asked if there was a new American peace initiative in the works, the Assistant Secretary said "we have some ideas" about efforts at "quiet diplomacy." Discussion of the American-backed plan for international supervision of the Mideast truce zone would have to follow the Jarring negotiations, he said.

### Jewish Protesters Conduct Vigil Outside Soviet Embassy While Gromyko Is There

LONDON, Oct. 28 (JTA)--A contingent representing 27 Jewish organizations concluded a public meeting today at the new West End Synagogue which was co-sponsored by the Board of Deputies and 27 groups and marched to the Soviet Embassy to deliver a letter to Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko. The letter, written by the Board of Deputies, expressed the "concern and alarm" of the Anglo-Jewish community over the "wave of arrests being carried out against Soviet Jews who have applied to emigrate to Israel." The Universities Committee for Soviet Jewry conducted a torchlight meeting tonight outside the Soviet Embassy to protest the treatment of Soviet Jews. At the same time, Britain's Foreign Secretary Sir Alec Douglas-Home was inside the Embassy attending a reception given by the Soviet ambassador in honor of Mr. Gromyko. The Universities Committee later continued its vigil outside 10 Downing Street, the official residence of the British Prime Minister.

### Maintenance Personnel Strike El Al; Histadrut Denounces Action; Flights Cancelled

TEL AVIV, Oct. 28 (JTA)--A series of "job actions" by maintenance personnel in support of wage demands has crippled El Al service out of Lydda Airport for the second consecutive day. The airline was forced to cancel four of its eight scheduled flights today and yesterday and further curtailments are likely unless the issue is settled quickly. Airline workers flatly turned down a proposal offered by Histadrut today and negotiations were suspended for the time being. The El Al management meanwhile has locked out the employees involved in what it calls an "Italian strike." The workers have been engaging in stoppages and other actions that have the effect of disrupting flight schedules. Histadrut, Israel's labor federation, has denounced the "job actions" and termed the wage demands "outrageous." According to Histadrut officials the El Al employees are "not fighting for bread" but only to increase their incomes which the union apparently thinks are adequate. Histadrut helped the El Al management end a strike by airline ground technicians and maintenance workers last month. Concern was expressed for its "image" if the work stoppages continue. The El Al management claims however that its passengers are loyal and prefer to delay their trips rather than be transferred to other airlines.

### Sapir Predicts A \$1.75 Billion Defense Budget For 1971

JERUSALEM, Oct. 28 (JTA)--A \$1.75 billion Israeli defense budget for next year was predicted here last night by Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir in an address to workers representatives. Mr. Sapir's remarks coincided with the publication of an article in an aviation industry magazine which warned that Israel must spend hundreds of millions of dollars yearly for research to keep up with the modern, sophisticated weaponry which the Soviet Union was providing to the Arab states. The writer, Lt. Gen. Zvi Tzur, chief adviser to Defense Minister Moshe Dayan said that Israel cannot afford to relax in face of the rapid strengthening of the Arab armies. Israel is contending with the highly advanced technology of the Soviet Union and therefore has to equip itself with the costliest means of warfare, he wrote, adding that "the scientific effort to be made is gigantic."

### Walter Hesselbach First German To Receive Honorary Doctorate From Tel Aviv U

BONN, Oct. 28 (JTA)--Walter Hesselbach, President of the German-Israel Chamber of Commerce and Vice-President of the German-Israel Friendship Society, has received an honorary doctorate from Tel Aviv University for his work in promoting relations between the two countries. He is the first German to receive this honor from an Israeli university. Mr. Hesselbach is chairman of the Trade Union Bank which has commercial relations with Israel.

### Three Former SS Officers On Trial; Charged With Murdering IIS Prisoners

BONN, Oct. 28 (JTA)--Three former SS officers who were aides of Gestapo chief Heinrich Himmler, went on trial yesterday in Frankfurt on charges of having murdered 115 concentration camp inmates. The accused, Dr. Bruno Beger, 59, Dr. Hans Fleischhacker, 58 and Dr. Wolf-Dieter Wolff, 57 all worked at the notorious Auschwitz death camp. One of their associates was Wolfran Fiver who was sentenced to death at a previous war crimes trial and has since been executed. The court heard lurid stories of how the trio collected the skulls of their victims for alleged scientific study.

### First Black Trade Unionist Honored With State Of Israel Award

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Oct. 28 (JTA)--A black trade union leader, Benjamin T. Irvin, has become the first Negro to receive a special State of Israel award. City Councilman William J. Cottrell, dinner chairman at the State of Israel Tribute dinner-dance where the award was made, said Mr. Irvin was honored because "he has devoted his energies and his talents for the advancement of his fellow-men." Mr. Irvin, business manager of Laborer's Local 57, the largest local in the AFL-CIO to be headed by a black unionist, said he was in sympathy with the Jewish people and their efforts to build a homeland in Israel and observed that "all minority groups must stand by each other." After the dinner-dance a spokesman for the Israeli Consulate here said "Jews might be encouraged to learn that there are Negro leaders who support Israel and purchase Israel Bonds" especially in light of the hostility toward Israel expressed by the Black Panthers.

## Holocaust, Israel Relatively Ignored In Catholic, Protestant Schools

SOUTH ORANGE, N.J., Oct. 28 (JTA)--The two most decisive events of contemporary Jewish history--the Nazi holocaust and the re-birth of Israel--are relatively ignored in the courses of study offered by Catholic and Protestant colleges and theological seminaries in America. That is the "possible conclusion" derived from a nation-wide survey just completed on the specific changes in educational programming that has taken place in these institutions since the Vatican II Conciliar statement on the Jews five years ago. The survey was conducted jointly by the American Jewish Committee and the Institute of Judeo-Christian Studies at Seton Hall University. A preliminary review of the results was offered by Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, director of the AJCommittee's interreligious affairs department at a three-day interfaith convocation at Seton Hall which ended today. The survey found that Judaism is taught essentially as a "religion" and probably most specifically as background for or a prelude to Christian theological studies. Very few of the schools that responded to the questionnaire maintains a department of Jewish studies, though nearly half of them provide separate courses in Jewish studies and nearly 70 percent say that they invite local rabbis to join the class when specifically Jewish subjects are being discussed. Rabbi Tanenbaum said the level of response to the questionnaires was an indication of the level of interest in Jewish studies on the part of the institutions queried.

Responses were received from 65 percent of the Catholic colleges and universities and 30 percent of the seminaries. Out of 500 Catholic high schools, 35.4 percent responded. The response from Protestant institutions was 52 percent for colleges and 30 percent for seminaries. Rabbi Tanenbaum reported that a very small percentage of the institutions of higher learning deal with the meaning of the Nazi holocaust. The figure ranges from zero percent of the Protestant seminaries to 2.2 percent of the colleges and 1.3 percent of Catholic colleges to 6.8 percent of Catholic seminaries. But 23.2 percent of the Catholic high schools reported that they treated the Nazi period in religion courses and 13.6 percent said they did so in Church history courses. The survey showed that 10.3 percent of the Catholic seminaries and 5.4 percent of the colleges offered courses on the history of Israel. The figure for Protestant schools was 1.5 percent and 6.8 percent respectively. But 19.6 percent of Catholic high schools offered such courses. Courses dealing with the theological significance of the State of Israel were given in 1.3 percent of the Catholic colleges, 10.3 percent of the seminaries and 25.5 percent of the high schools. No Protestant seminaries and 5.1 percent of the Protestant colleges had such courses.

Rabbi Tanenbaum said that the tendency to treat Judaism as a background to Christianity "does not mean that Judaism must necessarily be presented in a negative light. But it does seem appropriate to question whether certain aspects of Judaism which are critical to Jews as they understand themselves receive full exploration, such as Jewish historical continuity, the strong sense of Jewish peoplehood and Jewish religious development in the post-Biblical period." The convocation was addressed by the Rev. Cornelius Rijk, director of the Vatican Office of Catholic-Jewish relations who predicted an unprecedented relationship between Judaism and the Catholic Church resulting from recent changes in Catholic attitudes. "Judaism exists as a strong, living, religious reality. The shocking experiences of the last 30 years have opened many eyes. The reality of the Jewish people has been impressed on the non-Jewish world--a reality which can no longer be denied," he said. The convocation was greeted by AJCommittee president Philip E. Hoffman who said that whatever reservations existed in Jewish circles about the final wording of the Conciliar statement on the Jews, "subsequent developments indicate that Catholic authorities in this country take the Declaration seriously. Better an imperfect declaration positively and sensitively implemented than a perfect document ignored."

## Delegation Reports No Signs Of Violence By Israelis In Occupied Territories

PARIS, Oct. 28 (JTA)--A delegation of the International League Against Anti-Semitism and Racism (LICA), which has just returned from a visit to Israel, reported today that it had found "no trace of violence or of arbitrary behaviour on the part of the Israeli authorities in the occupied territories." The delegation consisted of Gaston Monerville, former president of the French Senate; Socialist Party Deputy Pierre Giraud; Gerard Rosenthal, a well-known left-wing intellectual; and Mrs. Nina Julia, wife of the Gaullist Deputy President of Parliament's Foreign Affairs Committee. Reporting on the committee's trip, Mr. Giraud said there were fewer policemen in the occupied territories "than in some of Paris' streets." Mr. Monerville called on "free men everywhere" to come to Israel's help and on France to "find again her true face"--that of a country which "honors its pledge, its signature and its historical past."

## Liberal Party Leader Says Arabs Must Recognize Israel Has Right In Mideast

LONDON, Oct. 28 (JTA)--Lord Byers, a leader of the Liberal Party, said last night that "Israel has a right to stay in the Middle East like the rest of the states in the region and cannot be expected to connive in her own destruction." Addressing the annual meeting of the Anglo-Israel Association, Lord Byers stated that "as long as the Arabs are reluctant to admit that Israel has a right to existence and that the Jewish people have deep roots in Israel, there can be no solution to the Middle East problem." He castigated those who believe the road to a Mideast peace can be found by dismantling Israel, and warned that such an attempt would lead to a "major" war. "A peace treaty, signed by both parties to the conflict and containing mutual commitments to each other, could bring peace to the Middle East," Lord Byers said, adding: "Once Israel feels that she has security, no one need fear her."

## Productivity Of Arab Farmers On West Bank Increasing

JERUSALEM, Oct. 28 (JTA)--The productivity and efficiency of Arab farmers on the West Bank is increasing as a result of assistance rendered by the Israeli Agricultural Ministry, a Ministry official said here today. The Ministry has introduced new methods and farming and new crops. According to Assael Ben David, the productivity of West Bank farmers has gone up by 24 percent during the past year and their income has increased by 25-30 percent.

## Hall Of Fame For Great Americans Elects First Two Jewish Members

NEW YORK, Oct. 28 (JTA)--The Hall of Fame for Great Americans at New York University has its first Jewish members in its 70-year history. Dr. Albert Abraham Michelson (1852-1931), the first American scientist to win a Nobel Prize, and Lillian D. Wald (1867-1940), the founder of the Henry Street Settlement, were announced today as the 1970 electees. They were the only two chosen from a list of 196 nominees, all dead for at least 25 years. The nominees not elected included Supreme Court Justice Louis D. Brandeis; philanthropists Haym Salomon and Jacob H. Schiff; publishers Adolph S. Ochs and Joseph Pulitzer; scientist Charles P. Steinmetz; pianist and composer Louis Moreau Gottschalk, and Hadassah founder Henrietta Szold. With a majority of the 110 votes cast required for election, Dr. Michelson received 81; Miss Wald had received 67 by today, with three ballots still not received. Miss Wald, who was born in Cincinnati, was the granddaughter of a German Jewish immigrant. Educated in Rochester, N.Y., and at the Women's Medical College in New York, she turned to social work after viewing slum conditions on the East Side.

With the aid of Jacob Schiff, Miss Wald obtained an apartment on Henry Street that was to become her famed settlement house for aid to immigrants. As a result of her efforts there, President Theodore Roosevelt created the Federal Children's Bureau in 1908. On her 70th birthday she was lauded over national radio by President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Gov. Herbert H. Lehman. She always maintained an interest in Jewish affairs. Dr. Michelson was born in Germany and grew up in California. After giving up hope for an appointment to Annapolis, he was named to an "appointment at large" by President Ulysses S. Grant, and thereafter maintained that his career was started by an illegal Presidential act. After graduation from the Naval Academy in 1873, he became an instructor there, and by the age of 26 was an internationally known physicist on the basis of his work in light velocity. In 1887, aged 35, he developed his famed interferometer for measuring the velocity of the earth. In 1898 he developed the echelon spectroscope, a major reason for his being awarded the Nobel Physics Prize for 1907. He was not given religious training as a child, and throughout his life disdained Judaism and Jewish community affairs.

## Record Breaking Sale Of \$26,556,000 In Israel Bonds During High Holidays

NEW YORK, Oct. 28 (JTA)--Reacting to dramatic developments in the Middle East affecting Israel's future, Jewish communities in the United States and Canada achieved a record total of Israel Bond sales amounting to \$26,556,000 during the recent High Holiday program carried on in Reform, Conservative and Orthodox congregations. The announcement of the High Holiday total was made today by Leo Bernstein, vice president of the Israel Bond Organization. This year's High Holiday results represented a 51 percent increase over the total of \$17,561,200 which was realized in the Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur activities last year, Mr. Bernstein said. All records were broken in Los Angeles which reported a total of \$4,535,550 against a 1969 High Holiday result of \$2,537,650. Baltimore, a pioneer community in synagogue appeals, increased its 1969 sales of \$1,625,300 to a new high this year of \$2,283,550. Philadelphia went from \$689,400 to a 1970 total of \$1,578,900 and Toronto reached \$2,186,350, as compared with the 1969 figure of \$1,844,950.

The High Holiday effort has traditionally been the occasion for the launching of the fall and winter campaign for Israel Bonds, ushering in the period of the most vigorous activity in behalf of the development and strengthening of Israel's economy. In stressing the extraordinary success of the recent New Year and Day of Atonement activities, Mr. Bernstein observed that the community consciousness of Israel's crisis and urgent needs during this solemn period moved Jewish congregations to act with great unanimity. He added that the measure of response to the Israel Bond drive indicated an acute awareness of American and Canadian Jewry of the vital link between a strong economy and survival for the people and the State of Israel. A total of approximately 800 synagogues were enrolled in the special High Holiday effort this year. In addition, many congregations also participate in the Israel Bond campaign through special dinners and other functions under their auspices during the course of the year.

## Police Maintain 24-Hour Patrol At Synagogue Where Youths Assailed Congregants

BROOKLYN, N.Y., Oct. 28 (JTA)--Spokesmen for the police department and the Mayor's office confirmed today that a special 24-hour police patrol has been in effect at Khal Adath Sochochow synagogue in Boro Park since an anti-Semitic attack there on congregants occurred Yom Kippur night. The police spokesman said the patrol would continue indefinitely. According to reports earlier this week from residents in the Boro Park area, the special patrol had been removed this past weekend. Although the Jewish Defense League was reported to have set up its own patrol, a source close to the synagogue said that its members were no longer visible. District Attorney Eugene Gold told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that he was giving the "tense" situation "special attention," and that he had received "a commitment from the police" to keep special watch over the area. On Oct. 10, at Day of Atonement services at the Orthodox synagogue, young congregants were attacked by 50 Puerto Rican youths who insulted them and threatened "blood and revenge." One of the two assailants subsequently arrested was scheduled to appear in court today.

## Chinese Candidate Condemns Red China For Aid To Palestinian Terrorists

NEW YORK, Oct. 28 (JTA)--Charles Kee, Liberal Party candidate for Assembly from the 60th A.D. Manhattan called today upon "my fellow Chinese throughout the world to condemn Red China for sending arms to Palestine guerrillas and for training commandoes against Israel." Mr. Kee, the only Chinese candidate for public office in New York State this year, said that Communist Chinese military advisors posing as newsmen have been dispatched from the Communist Embassy in Damascus, Syria to Jordan. "Despite the nature of the present regime in China," Mr. Kee said, "the Chinese people feel a kinship and a friendship with the Jewish people and the Israelis in particular. We have lived and worked harmoniously with Jewish people throughout the world." Mr. Kee, the leading Chinese official in the Lindsay Administration, is now on leave from his post as Deputy Commissioner for Re-location.