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#### MRS. MEIR MAY VISIT BONN

JERUSALEM, Feb. 8 (JTA)--Israel's national interests and cordial feelings toward West Germany's Chancellor Willy Brandt outweighed Premier Golda Meir's personal reluctance to visit West Germany which she will most probably do as a consequence of her invitation to Brandt to visit Israel, it was indicated here today.

Government officials, questioned by reporters, said the invitation which Brandt received and promptly accepted, means that Mrs. Meir has decided to accept an invitation to return the visit which is usually extended in such instances. The officials would not discuss the Cabinet deliberations which preceded Mrs. Meir's decision to invite Brandt.

It was clear, nevertheless, that the steadily improving relations between Bonn and Israel and Brandt's personal credentials as a Socialist and anti-Nazi played a part in her decision. and is one of her foremost trading partners, circles here pointed out. Moreover, it is West Germany and the Netherlands which usually support Israel in its dealings with the European Common Market.

There have been objections by some Israelis, mainly by the Ganal faction, to an invitation to Brandt. On the other hand, Meir Yaari, Mapan leader, said that despite his personal admiration for Brandt, he would prefer no official visit by the German leader. Haim Landau, of Gahal, claimed that a Brandt visit would offend millions of Jews. Last summer Israel welcomed West Germany's Foreign Minister Walter Scheel on his first official visit to the Jewish State. Scheel was returning Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban's earlier visit to West Germany.

#### WOMEN APPOINTED BAILIFFS

TEL AVIV, Feb. 8 (JTA)--Women were appointed bailiffs last week for the first time in Israeli court history but one of them found out yesterday that she had a man-sized job. Her assignment was to carry out an attachment of property order in the case of a young couple who separated after one month of married life. The wife had requested the attachment order to back her claim for support. When the bailiff accompanied by a male court erchivist arrived at the flat, the husband flow into a rage and started beating his spouse. The wife's lawyer who was

present tore up the attachment order, apparently to rescue his client. The bailiff and her companion were thrown out of the flat and police had to be called.

### DAYAN SAYS HE TAKES 'QUITE SERIOUSLY' EGYPT'S THREAT TO RENEW FIGHTING

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8 (JTA)—Israel's Defense Minister Moshe Dayan said yesterday that he takes "quite seriously" Egyptian threats to renew the fighting along the Suez Canal front. Speaking in Hebrew to Israeli newsmen and to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent after a 90-minute meeting with Secretary of State William P. Rogers, Dayan said the Egyptians could start shooting at any time, but he expressed the hope that they would not begin before Pres. Nixon made his trip to Moscow in May.

Dayan said that from a "logical point of view" the renewal of hostilities or the continuation of the status quo had to be "less agreeable" to Egypt than the beginning of political discussions. But, he added, he didn't know if the Egyptians felt the same way. Dayan expressed doubt that the United Nations Middle East mediator Dr. Gunnar V. Jarring mission was the proper channel for the resumption of peace talks since Israel will not agree to Dr. Jarring's request Feb. 8, 1971, that Israel withdraw from occupied territories before the resumption of negotiations, and Egypt continues to demand that Israel do so.

#### Administration Praised For Aid To Israel

Under the circumstances, he implied, the only alternative was the "interim agreement initiative." But he noted that he did not know how Egypt felt about such talks at this time. The Defense Minister told newsmen that in his talks with Defense Secretary Melvin R. Laird earlier in the day he had discussed the sale of American arms to Israel and "generally speaking, Israel is satisfied, more or less."

Dayan also expressed his gratitude to the Nixon administration for having made it possible for Israel to develop and maintain a military capacity to defend itself. In response to questions, Dayan flatly denied a story in Haaretz that he had brought to Washington for discussion with American officials a new plan for reopening the Suez Canal.

Haaretz had reported that Dayan would tell American officials that Israel was agreeable to permitting Egypt to reopen the canal without first reaching a peace agreement with Israel, but that Israel would maintain its positions on the Barlev line along the canal's eastern shore. Dayan said he had not brought any new ideas to Washington. "The old ones are still good," he commented. "We want peace and I hope the two sides will compromise while negotiating."

#### JERUSALEM DIGS INTSELF OUT OF WORST SNOWSTORM IN YEARS 200 Persons Given First Aid

JERUSALEM, Feb. 8 (JTA)—The city today dug itself out of the worst snow storm in years. The main highways leading in and out of the city were cleared by 10 o'clock last night but snow plows and sanders took longer to clear paths through the city's streets. Some Knesset members and staff were forced to spend the night in the parliament building. The road to Hadassah Hospital on the cutskirts of town remained partially blocked through the night. Hospitals closer to the city's center took some of the caseload.

More than 200 persons were treated at first aid stations last night for conditions ranging from frost-bite to broken limbs suffered by slipping on the ice.

Many of those treated were "tourists" from other parts of Israel who came to Jerusalem to see the snow but failed to equip themselves with the proper clothing. Army halftracks brought bread and milk to settlements in the Jerusalem area this morning which were closed to normal traffic. Employes of food factories and utility plants were driven to work today in specially equipped vehicles.

## EBAN SAYS RESUMPTION OF NAVIGATION THROUGH CANAL, REBUILDING TOWNS ALONG BANK, CAN AID IN MIDEAST SETTLEMENT

JERUSALEM, Feb. 8 (JTA)--The resumption of international navigation through the Suez Canal and the rebuilding of the towns along its banks would improve the atmosphere for an overall Mideast settlement, Foreign Minister Abba Eban said last night on a televised interview. He did not think there was much chance of resuming the Jarring peace mission at this time because Egypt's demand that Israel return to its old international boundaries remains the chief obstacle.

The Israeli Foreign Minister said special weight should be given to the fact that President Anwar Sadat of Egypt decided at the crucial moment, not to renew hostilities with Israel despite his frequent threats and belligerent statements still emanating from Cairo. But Sadat's genuine desire for peace has yet to be proven in actual peace talks, Eban said.

Meanwhile, United Nations mediator Gunnar V. Jarring still adheres to his Feb. 8, 1971 aide memoire to Israel and Egypt, it was learned in reports reaching here from Dakar, Senegal where Dr. Jarring visited briefly last week. The UN mediator met in Dakar with Senegalese President Leopold Senghor who headed last fall's exploratory peace mission of four African Presidents to the Middle East.

#### JEWISH STUDENT IN MOSCOW DETAINED BY KGB Condition Of Palatnik Reported Worsened

NEW YORK, Feb. 8 (JTA)--A Jewish student in Moscow was detained by the KGB yesterday after a search of his home turned up pamphlets on Jews and Judaism, it was reported today by the National Conference on Soviet Jewry. Ilia Glezer, a post-doctoral student in biological sciences at Moscow State University, was to be held for three days while the KGB decided whether to arrest him, the Conference said.

According to the report, seven police agents knocked on Glezer's door and identified themselves as postal representatives. On being admitted, they presented a search warrant signed by a KGB investigator surnamed Goshkov, asked Glezer to hand over all his "anti-Soviet literature," then searched his home for six hours. While confiscating the pamphlets, the agents did not touch several Hebrew-instruction books. The police telephoned Glezer's mother that night to advise her they were detaining him.

The NCSJ also reported that the condition of Raiza Palatnik, the 35-year-old Odessa librarian serving a two-year sentence for distributing "anti-Soviet" literature has worsened. She has been complaining of heart pains and bleeding gums, and has refused to wear her number tag in protest against her treatment in a criminal-incarceration prison at Dnieperpetrovsk in the East-Central Ukraine. Her protest, the Conference said, caused her to be denied her sugar rations.

Meanwhile, Ukrainian Jewish poet Meyer Charats of Czernowitz who has applied unsuccessfully for a visa to Israel three times, has been assailed

in an open letter in a local newspaper.

#### SPECIAL JTA ANALYSIS

#### DIPLOMATIC FLURRIES IN THE MIDEAST

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF, JTA Washington Bureau Chief

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8 (JTA)--The understandings between Washington and Jerusalem on approaches to an interim agreement for opening the Suez Canal, and between Moscow and Cairo, with its announced emphasis on a political solution to the Middle East impasse as a whole and without mention of the Suez phase, signify a postponement of the crucial decisions for change.

What is now being envisioned are diplomatic journeys deliberately routed to diverging roads leading to nowhere. The purpose of indecision in the guise of discussion is to allow the major powers time to structure their strategy for President Nixon's visit to Moscow in May. For, as has been since the Soviets first moved militarily into Egypt, the fateful decisions on the Middle East's future ultimately rest with Washington and Moscow. These decisions, in turn, depend on solutions to other problems of global concern.

Secretary of State William P. Rogers hinted about some such diplomatic pantomime pending the summit meeting when he spoke Feb. 3 of his support for both the "close proximity" talks under American initiative (to which Israel has now agreed and Egypt opposes because its demand for a precondition of Israel's withdrawal is absent) and to the "full settlement" mission under Ambassador Jarring (to whose formula of Feb. 8, 1971 Egypt and the Soviet are agreeable and the State Department had accepted and has never rejected but which Israel opposes precisely because it does contain the withdrawal precondition.)

#### Overtures To Egypt Continue

The Secretary's view that both projects can be conducted simultaneously, in the judgement of some observers, is a signal to Cairo that our attentions to Egypt continue. Rogers also spoke of President Sadat's internal problems, indicating these must be at least shelved before Sadat can safely turn his face again toward Washington. This would indicate the Secretary is leaving it to Sadat to determine if, and how he will discuss the Suez Issue.

Sadat's visit to Moscow ostensibly was to obtain more arms to compensate for the recent American deliveries and technological support to Israel. Actually, it would appear, he went there to pledge adherence to continued Soviet influence in Egypt to offset the growth of the "opposition." In return, the Kremlin perhaps will delay moves to dispose of him for his hostility to pro-Soviet elements in Egypt and the Sudan. Thus whether Sadat remains in power rests mainly on Moscow but Washington also has considerable sway.

The supposition that the Washington-Jerusalem understanding insures continuation of the now 19-month-old cease-fire along the Suez until after our national elections in Nov. is inadmissible. Soviet tactics to bolster its hegemony in the Middle East and what Sadat may do in desperation to keep control cannot yet be pin-pointed. If this assessment is correct, it appears to the advantage of both the US and Israel to assist Sadat until the Kremlin design for Egypt is visible.

### Mideast Oil Is A Factor

The surprising flattery of Israel, certain of its American critics that it has triumphed over the State Department, the Soviet Union and Sadat in agreeing to engage in indirect talks on the Suez is too gross to merit serious consideration. What seems to be primarily attempted here is to help fuel-

the envy and anger of those disgruntled diehards that feel once again the White House has deprived the State Department of its rightful authority and also those who regard a Soviet-American detente essential regardless of what this may do to Israel.

To say Israel put the Moscow-Cairo alliance in disarray is suffocatingly generous. Closer to the genuine causes of the cooling in the alliance may be found in the Kremlin's appraisal of Sadat's reliability as an ally and the consequences of the Indo-Pakistan crisis. Easic probably to President Nixon's decision to bolster Israel is his reported view that it is essential to block a Soviet power play in the Middle East similar to its activity in the Indo-Pakistan crisis. That this is an election year also is, of course, an inescapable factor.

For all their desires to gain the affection and hence the bulk of the economic advantages in the Arab states, West European foreign offices, including the French, understand that Israel stands as the only effective land barrier to Soviet penetration to the Persian Gulf and the oil riches of Araby. The humanitarianism implicit in Israel's survival, of which so much is made in speeches, weighs little on the international political scales as history has so often proved.

As a British Embassy officer summed it up for the JTA the other day: Europe's oil needs for at least the rest of this decade spell a "minus" for Israel; that the Soviet is getting deeper into the Middle East is a "plus." Israel's kith and kin in the West and the political element in that factor is another "plus." That second "plus" is especially something that some Israelis must come to understand better, too, and with good temper.

#### SHLOMO GRODZENSKI DIES AT AGE 67

TEL AVIV, Feb. 8 (JTA)--Funeral services were held in Herzliya today for Shlomo Grodzenski, a Hebrew writer, essayist and critic, and active in the Labor Zionist Movement, who died yesterday at the age of 67. Grodzenski was born in Lithuania and came to the United States in 1916. For 20 years he served as editor of the Poale Zion weekly, "Yiddisher Kempfer," and upon settling in Israel in 1951 assumed the editorship of several newspapers.

When the American Jewish Committee established in Israel its Hebrew monthly "Amot," Grodzenski was named its editor. He was also a member of the editorial staff of "Davar," the Histadrut daily. Grodzenski was regarded as one of Israel's leading intellectuals and a serious critic and analyst in the fields of politics and literature.

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The invitation from Mrs. Meir was long expected here said its delay in arriving put some strain on the good relations between Bonn and Israel. Political circles here accused the Israeli premier of vaccilating. They noted that reports of an imminent invitation to Brandt had appeared in Israeli newspapers for some time but no invitation was forthcoming which was embarrassing to Bonn. Circles here said Mrs. Meir's hesitation stemmed from the knowledge that if she invites Brandt to Israel she would have to accept a reciprocal invitation from him to visit West Germany. Mrs. Meir has avoided visiting Germany in the past.

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JERUSALEM, Feb. 8 (JTA)--Israel's national interests and cordial feelings toward West Germany's Chancellor Willy Brandt outweighed Premier Golda Meir's personal reluctance to visit West Germany which she will most probably do as a consequence of her invitation to Brandt to visit Israel, it was indicated here today.

Government officials, questioned by reporters, said the invitation which Brandt received and promptly accepted, means that Mrs. Meir has decided to accept an invitation to return the visit which is usually extended in such instances. The officials would not discuss the Cabinet deliberations which preceded Mrs. Meir's decision to invite Brandt.

It was clear, nevertheless, that the steadily improving relations between Bonn and Israel and Brandt's personal credentials as a Socialist and anti-Nazi played a part in her decision. and is one of her foremost trading partners, circles here pointed out. Moreover, it is West Germany and the Netherlands which usually support Israel in its dealings with the European Common Market.

There have been objections by some Israelis, mainly by the Ganal faction, to an invitation to Brandt. On the other hand, Meir Yaari, Mapan leader, said that despite his personal admiration for Brandt, he would prefer no official visit by the German leader. Haim Landau, of Gahal, claimed that a Brandt visit would offend millions of Jews. Last summer Israel welcomed West Germany's Foreign Minister Walter Scheel on his first official visit to the Jewish State. Scheel was returning Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban's earlier visit to West Germany.

#### WOMEN APPOINTED BAILIFFS

TEL AVIV, Feb. 8 (JTA)--Women were appointed bailiffs last week for the first time in Israeli court history but one of them found out yesterday that she had a man-sized job. Her assignment was to carry out an attachment of property order in the case of a young couple who separated after one month of married life. The wife had requested the attachment order to back her claim for support. When the bailiff accompanied by a male court erchivist arrived at the flat, the husband flow into a rage and started beating his spouse. The wife's lawyer who was

present tore up the attachment order, apparently to rescue his client. The bailiff and her companion were thrown out of the flat and police had to be called.

#### DAYAN SAYS HE TAKES 'QUITE SERIOUSLY' EGYPT'S THREAT TO RENEW FIGHTING

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8 (JTA) -- Israel's Defense Minister Moshe Dayan said yesterday that he takes "quite seriously" Egyptian threats to renew the fighting along the Suez Canal front. Speaking in Hebrew to Israeli newsmen and to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent after a 90-minute meeting with Secretary of State William P. Rogers, Dayan said the Egyptians could start shooting at any time, but he expressed the hope that they would not begin before Pres. Nixon made his trip to Moscow in May.

Dayan said that from a "logical point of view" the renewal of hostilities or the continuation of the status quo had to be "less agreeable" to Egypt than the beginning of political discussions. But, he added, he didn't know if the Egyptians felt the same way. Dayan expressed doubt that the United Nations Middle East mediator Dr. Gunnar V. Jarring mission was the proper channel for the resumption of peace talks since Israel will not agree to Dr. Jarring's request Feb. 8, 1971, that Israel withdraw from occupied territories before the resumption of negotiations, and Egypt continues to demand that Israel do so.

#### Administration Praised For Aid To Israel

Under the circumstances, he implied, the only alternative was the "interim agreement initiative." But he noted that he did not know how Egypt felt about such talks at this time. The Defense Minister told newsmen that in his talks with Defense Secretary Melvin R. Laird earlier in the day he had discussed the sale of American arms to Israel and "generally speaking, Israel is satisfied, more or less."

Dayan also expressed his gratitude to the Nixon administration for having made it possible for Israel to develop and maintain a military capacity to defend itself. In response to questions, Dayan flatly denied a story in Haaretz that he had brought to Washington for discussion with American officials a new plan for reopening the Suez Canal.

Haaretz had reported that Dayan would tell American officials that Israel was agreeable to permitting Egypt to reopen the canal without first reaching a peace agreement with Israel, but that Israel would maintain its positions on the Barlev line along the canal's eastern shore. Dayan said he had not brought any new ideas to Washington. "The old ones are still good," he commented. "We want peace and I hope the two sides will compromise while negotiating."

#### JERUSALEM DIGS INTSELF OUT OF WORST SNOWSTORM IN YEARS 200 Persons Given First Aid

JERUSALEM, Feb. 8 (JTA) -- The city today dug itself out of the worst snow storm in years. The main highways leading in and out of the city were cleared by 10 o'clock last night but snow plows and sanders took longer to clear paths through the city's streets. Some Knesset members and staff were forced to spend the night in the parliament building. The road to Hadassah Hospital on the cutakirts of town remained partially blocked through the night. Hospitals closer to the city's center took some of the caseload.

More than 200 persons were treated at first aid stations last night for conditions ranging from frostbite to broken limbs suffered by slipping on the ice.

Many of those treated were "tourists" from other parts of Israel who came to Jerusalem to see the snow but failed to equip themselves with the proper clothing. Army halftracks brought bread and milk to settlements in the Jerusalem area this morning which were closed to normal traffic. Employes of food factories and utility plants were driven to work today in specially equipped vehicles.

#### EBAN SAYS RESUMPTION OF NAVIGATION THROUGH CANAL, REBUILDING TOWNS ALONG BANK, CAN AID IN MIDEAST SETTLEMENT

JERUSALEM, Feb. 8 (JTA)--The resumption of international navigation through the Suez Canal and the rebuilding of the towns along its banks would improve the atmosphere for an overall Mideast settlement, Foreign Minister Abba Eban said last night on a televised interview. He did not think there was much chance of resuming the Jarring peace mission at this time because Egypt's demand that Israel return to its old international boundaries remains the chief obstacle.

The Israeli Foreign Minister said special weight should be given to the fact that President Anwar Sadat of Egypt decided at the crucial moment, not to renew hostilities with Israel despite his frequent threats and belligerent statements still emanating from Cairo. But Sadat's genuine desire for peace has yet to be proven in actual peace talks, Eban said.

Meanwhile, United Nations mediator Gunnar V. Jarring still adheres to his Feb. 8, 1971 aide memoire to Israel and Egypt, it was learned in reports reaching here from Dakar, Senegal where Dr. Jarring visited briefly last week. The UN mediator met in Dakar with Senegalese President Leopold Senghor who headed last fall's exploratory peace mission of four African Presidents to the Middle East.

#### JEWISH STUDENT IN MOSCOW DETAINED BY KGB Condition Of Palatnik Reported Worsened

NEW YORK, Feb. 8 (JTA)--A Jewish student in Moscow was detained by the KtJB yesterday after a search of his home turned up pamphlets on Jews and Judaism, it was reported today by the National Conference on Soviet Jewry. Ilia Glezer, a post-doctoral student in biological sciences at Moscow State University, was to be held for three days while the KGB decided whether to arrest him, the Conference said.

According to the report, seven police agents knocked on Glezer's door and identified themselves as postal representatives. On being admitted, they presented a search warrant signed by a KGB investigator surnamed Goshkov, asked Glezer to hand over all his "anti-Soviet literature," then searched his home for six hours. While confiscating the pamphlets, the agents did not touch several Hebrew-instruction books. The police telephoned Glezer's mother that night to advise her they were detaining him.

The NCSJ also reported that the condition of Raiza Palatnik, the 35-year-old Odessa librarian serving a two-year sentence for distributing "anti-Soviet" literature has worsened. She has been complaining of heart pains and bleeding gums, and has refused to wear her number tag in protest against her treatment in a criminal-incarceration prison at Dnieperpetrovsk in the East-Central Ukraine. Her protest, the Conference said, caused her to be denied her sugar rations.

Meanwhile, Ukrainian Jewish poet Meyer Charats of Czernowitz who has applied unsuccessfully for a visa to Israel three times, has been assailed

in an open letter in a local newspaper.

#### SPECIAL JTA ANALYSIS

#### DIPLOMATIC FLURRIES IN THE MIDEAST

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 8 (JTA)--The understandings between Washington and Jerusalem on approaches to an interim agreement for opening the Suez Canal, and between Moscow and Cairo, with its announced emphasis on a political solution to the Middle East impasse as a whole and without mention of the Suez phase, signify a postponement of the crucial decisions for change.

What is now being envisioned are diplomatic journeys deliberately routed to diverging roads leading to nowhere. The purpose of indecision in the guise of discussion is to allow the major powers time to structure their strategy for President Nixon's visit to Moscow in May. For, as has been since the Soviets first moved militarily into Egypt, the fateful decisions on the Middle East's future ultimately rest with Washington and Moscow. These decisions, in turn, depend on solutions to other problems of global concern.

Secretary of State William P. Rogers hinted about some such diplomatic pantomime pending the summit meeting when he spoke Feb. 3 of his support for both the "close proximity" talks under American initiative (to which Israel has now agreed and Egypt opposes because its demand for a precondition of Israel's withdrawal is absent) and to the "full settlement" mission under Ambassador Jarring (to whose formula of Feb. 8, 1971 Egypt and the Soviet are agreeable and the State Department had accepted and has never rejected but which Israel opposes precisely because it does contain the withdrawal precondition.)

#### Overtures To Egypt Continue

The Secretary's view that both projects can be conducted simultaneously, in the judgement of some observers, is a signal to Cairo that our attentions to Egypt continue. Rogers also spoke of President Sadat's internal problems, indicating these must be at least shelved before Sadat can safely turn his face again toward Washington. This would indicate the Secretary is leaving it to Sadat to determine if, and how he will discuss the Suez Issue.

Sadat's visit to Moscow ostensibly was to obtain more arms to compensate for the recent American deliveries and technological support to Israel. Actually, it would appear, he went there to pledge adherence to continued Soviet influence in Egypt to offset the growth of the "opposition." In return, the Kremlin perhaps will delay moves to dispose of him for his hostility to pro-Soviet elements in Egypt and the Sudan. Thus whether Sadat remains in power rests mainly on Moscow but Washington also has considerable sway.

The supposition that the Washington-Jerusalem understanding insures continuation of the now 19-month-old cease-fire along the Suez until after our national elections in Nov. is inadmissible. Soviet tactics to bolster its hegemony in the Middle East and what Sadat may do in desperation to keep control cannot yet be pin-pointed. If this assessment is correct, it appears to the advantage of both the US and Israel to assist Sadat until the Kremlin design for Egypt is visible.

### Mideast Oil Is A Factor

The surprising flattery of Israel, certain of its American critics that it has triumphed over the State Department, the Soviet Union and Sadat in agreeing to engage in indirect talks on the Suez is too gross to merit serious consideration. What seems to be primarily attempted here is to help fuel-

the envy and anger of those disgruntled diehards that feel once again the White House has deprived the State Department of its rightful authority and also those who regard a Soviet-American detente essential regardless of what this may do to Israel.

To say Israel put the Moscow-Cairo alliance in disarray is suffocatingly generous. Closer to the genuine causes of the cooling in the alliance may be found in the Kremlin's appraisal of Sadat's reliability as an ally and the consequences of the Indo-Pakistan crisis. Easic probably to President Nixon's decision to bolster Israel is his reported view that it is essential to block a Soviet power play in the Middle East similar to its activity in the Indo-Pakistan crisis. That this is an election year also is, of course, an inescapable factor.

For all their desires to gain the affection and hence the bulk of the economic advantages in the Arab states, West European foreign offices, including the French, understand that Israel stands as the only effective land barrier to Soviet penetration to the Persian Gulf and the oil riches of Araby. The humanitarianism implicit in Israel's survival, of which so much is made in speeches, weighs little on the international political scales as history has so often proved.

As a British Embassy officer summed it up for the JTA the other day: Europe's oil needs for at least the rest of this decade spell a "minus" for Israel; that the Soviet is getting deeper into the Middle East is a "plus." Israel's kith and kin in the West and the political element in that factor is another "plus." That second "plus" is especially something that some Israelis must come to understand better, too, and with good temper.

#### SHLOMO GRODZENSKI DIES AT AGE 67

TEL AVIV, Feb. 8 (JTA)--Funeral services were held in Herzliya today for Shlomo Grodzenski, a Hebrew writer, essayist and critic, and active in the Labor Zionist Movement, who died yesterday at the age of 67. Grodzenski was born in Lithuania and came to the United States in 1916. For 20 years he served as editor of the Poale Zion weekly, "Yiddisher Kempfer," and upon settling in Israel in 1951 assumed the editorship of several newspapers.

When the American Jewish Committee established in Israel its Hebrew monthly "Amot," Grodzenski was named its editor. He was also a member of the editorial staff of "Davar," the Histadrut daily. Grodzenski was regarded as one of Israel's leading intellectuals and a serious critic and analyst in the fields of politics and literature.

### COURT TO DECIDE IF THERE IS A LEGAL BASIS FOR EXTRADITION OF LIPSKY

JERUSALEM, Feb. 8 (JTA) -- A Tel Aviv district court is to decide whether there is a legal basis to warrant the extradition of French-Jewish financier Claude Lipsky who sought asylum in Israel last fall. Justice Minister Yaacov Shimshon Shapiro signed an order several days ago instructing States Attorney Meir Shamgar to institute court proceedings. The court has indicated that it would give the case priority. The hearings, and a possible appeal, are expected to last several months.