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## ALLON SAYS TALKS WITH GERMAN LEADERS WERE SATISFACTORY

By Alan Ritchie

BONN, March 2 (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Yigal Allon of Israel ended three days of talks with West German leaders here today. He told reporters he was "completely satisfied" with the results which, he said had "exceeded his highest expectations." Allon said that Israel would like to return the visit paid to Jerusalem in 1973 by the then West German Chancellor Willy Brandt "at the same level." That remark was seen as an indication that a possible visit to Germany by Premier Yitzhak Rabin is being planned although it was not discussed by Allon in his talks here. Bonn's Foreign Minister Hans-Deitrich Genscher is expected to visit Israel next fall.

On Middle East political matters, Allon predicted two states -- Israel and Palestine -- with negotiated frontiers. He cautioned against identifying that Palestinian community, which he said was "the most moderate element in the Arab world" with the Palestine Liberation Organization. He said he didn't think any European country would recognize the PLO until it acknowledged Israel's right to exist and terminated its terrorist activities.

Political observers here indicated that Allon's visit, the first by an Israeli Foreign Minister since 1970, was satisfactory to both sides. They said the atmosphere had improved vastly since Palestinian terrorists massacred Israeli athletes at the Munich Olympics in 1972 and Israel's mistrust of Germany and other European states over the oil crisis and relations with the Arabs.

According to the observers, there seems to have been a high degree of political understanding between Allon and his German hosts. The latter expressed concern for Israel's position in the Middle East conflict without abandoning its "balanced" Mideast policy. It is that policy, Bonn claims, that enables it to talk openly to both sides in the interests of peace and stability in the Middle East.

## NEW PAYROLL TAX SLASHED

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, March 2 (JTA) -- Bowing to a two-pronged attack from unions and employers, the Cabinet today agreed to cut its proposed payroll tax from 7.5 percent to 4 percent, and to begin it on April 1 instead of March 1. Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz himself recommended the cut to the Cabinet after a weekend of bitter and arduous debates between him and Histadrut and the Manufacturers Association. Both groups attacked the proposed tax as recessionary and as hitting particularly at productive industries (the government itself will be exempt from the employers payroll tax.)

Histadrut Secretary General Yeruham Meshe expressed his satisfaction at the tax cut. He hoped, he said, that in future such cases the Treasury would consult with Histadrut in advance. Rabinowitz refused to answer a reporter's question as to whether his retreat would damage the government's credibility. This was

a "provocative" question, he charged.

The tax cut leaves next year's budget some IL half billion in deficit. The Treasury says it will recommend by mid-summer a new method of covering the shortfall. By then, observers point out, the recommendations of a committee of experts, presently reviewing the entire tax structure and expected to suggest wholesale reforms, ought to be in.

## BOMBING INCIDENTS LEAD TO EXPULSION OF FIVE ARABS

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, March 2 (JTA) -- The recent rash of bomb and grenade incidents on the West Bank, in Jerusalem and other parts of Israel is believed to have prompted the expulsion of five Arabs held in administrative detention in connection with alleged subversive activities. The five were escorted by military authorities to a United Nations checkpoint on the Lebanese border Friday and expelled into Lebanon.

They were identified as Abdullah Soriani and Mahmoud Skariat of East Jerusalem; Sulleman Najob, of Ramallah; Hassan Hamed Sawalha, of Gaza; and Mahmoud Bani Hassan, of Arbouni, a village in the Samaria district of the West Bank. The latter was serving a seven-year prison sentence for infiltration from Jordan and establishing a terrorist cell for sabotage on the West Bank.

Soriani, Skariat and Najob were detained for membership in the Palestine National Front, an underground group on the West Bank associated with the Jordanian Communist Party. Sawalha was also held on charges of subversive activities. Although the five men were in confinement during the recent bombing episodes, their ouster was viewed as a warning to others. The various incidents caused some damage but no casualties.

## Incident in Jaffa

Police in Jaffa, meanwhile, are holding 36 Arabs out of 250 detained for questioning Friday in connection with the explosion of a hand grenade concealed in a bush outside of a residential building. The grenade, believed to be of the British Mills type with a delayed action device, caused minor damage to the building but no injuries. A grenade discovered earlier in a public lavatory in Jaffa was de-fused by police before it could explode.

The two episodes put local civil guards on the alert. Thousands of basketball fans were searched Friday night as they left a Jaffa stadium where the Tel Aviv Maccabi team had just defeated a French championship team by a score of 88-76.

## ARMY UNITS REMOVE ILLEGAL SETTLERS FROM WEST BANK SITE

By David Landau and Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, March 2 (JTA) -- Army units succeeded late today in removing most of a group of more than 50 illegal settlers from a West Bank site after day-long efforts to persuade them to leave on their own brought no results. The would-be settlers, members of the militant Gush Emunim movement, offered only passive resistance as they were placed aboard buses which re-

## KATZIR LAUDS FORD FOR STAND HE HAS TAKEN ON ARAB BOYCOTT

MIAMI BEACH, March 2; (JTA) -- President Ephraim Katzir of Israel hailed President Ford here tonight for the "remarkable stand" he has taken on the Arab boycott of Jewish-owned banks. The Israeli leader, who was guest of honor at a dinner inaugurating the 1975 Israel Bond campaign, told 1000 Jewish leaders from the U.S. and Canada assembled at the Fountainbleau Hotel that Israel also was deeply grateful to the President, to Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger and to the American people for giving Israel continued scientific, technological, economic and defense aid.

Katzir, who will meet President Ford at the White House tomorrow denounced the spread of the Arab boycott and what he called the new Arab anti-Semitism. He warned that "Anti-Semitism, which starts with attacking Jews, eventually turns to the wider aim of destroying human freedom and modern democracy."

He told the Jewish leaders that Israel is facing many serious economic and political problems. "We have tightened our belts," he said, "and we are now paying the highest taxes in the world." But, he added, "the spirit of the people of Israel is high, despite the problems in our struggle for peace. We have survived before and we shall survive again."

Katzir congratulated the Israel Bond Organization on the 25th anniversary of its founding by the late Premier David Ben Gurion. He noted that the anniversary also marks the attainment of the \$3 billion mark in Israel Bond sales since their inception and the beginning of the campaign to sell the fourth billion in Israel Bonds.

### Advance Sales Total \$127,630,000

Sam Rothberg, general chairman of the Bond Organization announced that advance sales in the 1975 campaign already total \$127,630,000 in cash and commitments to help finance Israel's economic development. Noting that Israelis are the most heavily taxed people in the world and are now carrying the heaviest defense burden in their history, Rothberg called on Jewish communities in the U.S. and Canada to provide a major share of the new Israel Development Budget which amounts to \$1.70 billion.

### Bond Purchases Detailed

Michael Arnon, president and chief executive officer of Israel Bond Organization praised the cooperation of business, labor and the professional community in the Israel Bond program. He reported that to date 741 banks have purchased 5-1/2 percent institutional bonds totalling \$224,892,400. He said that other institutions that have bought Israel Bonds include 5,729 pension funds holding bonds in the amount of \$91,242,850; 365 insurance companies with \$20,469,450 in Israel Bonds; 1272 trade unions which purchased bonds in the amount of \$81,190,100; and another \$215,522,400 in bonds purchased by 3,940 communal and other institutions.

The Bond Organization paid tribute to Jacob M. Arvey, the veteran political leader who is serving as honorary chairman of the Israel Bond Organization in Chicago; and Mrs. Jan Peeroe, of New York national chairman of the women's division of the Bond Organization. They were cited for their leadership in behalf

of Israel.

## ISRAEL DETERMINED TO GET MORE THAN SCRAP OF PAPER OUT OF NEGOTIATIONS

GROSSINGER, N.Y., March 2 (JTA) -- Yaakov Morris, Minister of the Permanent Mission of Israel to the United Nations, told a Labor Zionist Alliance leadership seminar here this weekend that "Israel is determined that this time it will not emerge from negotiations with worthless scraps of paper or guarantees so vague that they represent nothing more than a propaganda shield instead of security."

Addressing several hundred Labor Zionist Alliance leaders from the Eastern Seaboard at Grossinger's Hotel, Morris said that "Israel's approach to territorial settlement is exclusively determined by defensibility, not expansion. Withdrawal is conditional on political concessions, which are after all concessions to peace by the Arabs. If the Arabs demonstrate palpable evidence of peaceful intent, Israel will be flexible on the territorial question. It is not territory which is central to the conflict, but peace and security."

Irving Kessler, executive director of the United Israel Appeal, said that his office was "startled by a cash flow in December" which "still shows that the American Jew cares and is responding in a way that counts -- with his sustenance."

Jacob Katzman, executive vice president of the LZA, discussing the 70th anniversary of Labor Zionism in America, declared that "concerned young American Jews are seeking an ideological compass by which to steer their lives amidst the complex problems they face both as Jews and as part of the whole American society."

Continuing, Katzman said: "They want to understand themselves as Jews, as part of the Jewish community here, the Jewish people in the world, and their relationship to, as well as their responsibility for, Israel." He added that "they want a social effort by which to live in their families, neighborhoods, businesses, the American body politic, and in relation to other groups seeking their own ethnic identities." The theme of the LZA gathering was "Am Ehad: One People, One Nation."

## JEWS APPOINTED TO GOVERNMENT POSTS IN SAO PAULO, CURITIBA

RIO DE JANEIRO, March 2 (JTA) -- A Jew was appointed Mayor of Curitiba, capital of Brazil's southern state of Parana and two Jews were named members of the new government of the state of Sao Paulo, it was reported here. The Mayor of Curitiba is Dr. Saul Raiz whose appointment was announced by the Governor of Parana. The Jewish community in Curitiba, founded 70 years ago, numbers fewer than 400 families. Dr. Raiz, who has been active in Jewish communal affairs, succeeded the former Mayor, Dr. Chaim Lerner, who was also Jewish.

The two new members of the Sao Paulo government are Dr. Jose Ephim Mindlin, Secretary for Culture and Education and Prof. Georges Wilhelm, Planning Secretary. Dr. Mindlin was active in the Jewish community for many years and served as president of the Community of Central European Jews in Sao Paulo.

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BONN, (JTA) -- The West German government announced Sunday that it would take all necessary measures to protect German banks from the effects of the Arab boycott.

turned them to Jerusalem. A small contingent was allowed to remain at the site overnight to guard their equipment which included pre-fabricated huts, a water tower and electric generator.

The site they occupied is at Maale Adumim on the Jerusalem-Jericho road, where the government plans to build an industrial zone and workers' housing to serve the Jerusalem region. The project, the first of its kind in the administered territories, has been the subject of bitter controversy in Israel. It came up at today's Cabinet meeting where Premier Yitzhak Rabin stressed that the project will include housing units for employes and their families but that "partisan" settlement attempts in defiance of the government's authority would not be permitted.

The Gush Emunim activists managed to slip by police and army patrols before dawn today and established themselves on the site. They were joined later by a number of women and children who evaded roadblocks. Military authorities said the whole operation was carried out in secrecy and with precision.

After their return to Jerusalem tonight, a delegation of the Gush Emunim met with Housing Minister Avraham Ofer and Minister of Commerce Haim Barlev whose ministries are responsible for the Maale Adumim development. The two ministers reportedly stressed that the project was intended as an industrial estate, not a regular settlement. They advised the settlers group to apply to the Housing Ministry for homes on the site when the time came.

#### INFORMATION MINISTRY SCRAPPED

JERUSALEM, March 2 (JTA) -- The Ministry of Information is to be scrapped under a Cabinet decision taken today. Its departments will be distributed among the various other Ministries -- Foreign, Education, and the Prime Minister's Office -- from where they were taken early last year to create the ill-fated Information Ministry. Information Minister Aharon Yariv resigned his post some weeks ago urging that the Ministry be scrapped as an independent unit and rather incorporated within the Premier's Office.

Yitzhak Rabin, however, is apparently not keen on absorbing all the Information Ministry's units -- and he recommended today to the Cabinet a scheme under which virtually all the units would return to the Ministries from which they came. Some Ministers, however, argued that the Premier ought to retain an over-all supervisory brief on internal affairs and external information, and Rabin asked for a week to reconsider the breakdown. He is to make his final recommendation to the Cabinet next Sunday. The actual decision to abolish the Information Ministry was taken without dissenting votes, officials disclosed.

#### JEWISH STUDIES COURSES INCREASING ON CAMPUSES THROUGHOUT THE DIASPORA By David Friedman

NEW YORK, March 2 (JTA) -- There has been an upsurge in the number of Jewish students who want to take Jewish studies courses, not only in American universities and colleges, but in all diaspora countries. Prof. Moshe Davis, founder and former chairman of the Institute of Contemporary Jewry of the Hebrew University, said today. Prof. Davis, who is Ste-

phen S. Wise Professor in American History and Institutions at the Institute, said an international Jewish faculty must be created to provide the teaching and research for these courses.

Speaking at a meeting of the International and American Planning Committees of the Institute of Contemporary Jewry at the headquarters of the American Friends of Hebrew University, Prof. Davis stressed that only a small number of the Jews on American campuses are taking Jewish studies courses and many of the courses given are weak. Yehuda Bauer, chairman of the Institute, said the Hebrew University school must not only do research and collect data on contemporary Jewish history, but must also teach the teachers of Jewish studies.

George Mosse, professor of history at the Hebrew University, said Jewish studies programs should not teach propaganda but should be grounded on factual material. He said the courses should be taught as part of existing departments in universities. Dr. Alfred Gottschalk, President of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, said Jewish studies programs should concentrate on contemporary history and in particular the study of the Holocaust and Israel.

#### Holocaust Courses Among the Most Popular

Courses on the Holocaust are among the most popular courses on campuses, according to Abraham J. Karp, president of the American Jewish Historical Society and a professor of history and religious studies at the University of Rochester, and Franklin H. Littell, professor of religion at Temple University. Dr. Littell said more Christian theological schools are adding courses on the Holocaust, including the Harvard Divinity School.

Prof. Bauer noted that one of the major areas the Institute is dealing with is the study of Jewish national communal organizations. He said it is presently beginning research into the background of the United Jewish Appeal. Irving Bernstein, UJA executive vice-president, said the UJA is becoming more and more involved in adult education.

The UJA and the Institute of Contemporary Jewry are co-sponsoring an "International Scholars Conference on the Holocaust -- A Generation After" which begins tomorrow at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

#### ELIEZER LIVINEH DEAD AT 72

JERUSALEM, March 2 (JTA) -- Eliezer Livneh, a founder of Mapai and recently a leader of the "Greater Israel Movement," died of a heart attack at his home here yesterday at the age of 72. Mr. Livneh, whose family name was Liebenstein, was born in Lodz, attended the Russian high school there and came to Palestine in 1922. He was active in the Zionist movement, Histadrut and Hagana and was a Zionist representative in Europe. He served in the Knesset from 1949-1955.

Mr. Livneh left Mapai in the 1960s over differences on social and economic issues but later joined the Labor Party of which Mapai was a constituent. After the Six-Day War he joined the "Greater Israel Movement" which advocates the annexation of all captured Arab territories and became one of its leading spokesmen.

NEW YORK, (JTA) -- Betar's office in lower Manhattan was firebombed last Thursday night, Harry Liben, Betar national president, reported.

