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## ISRAEL SHOOTS DOWN EGYPTIAN JET; BEN GURION PROTESTS TO HAMMARSKJOLD

JERUSALEM, April 12. (JTA) -- An Egyptian military jet plane was shot down in Israeli territory today in a dogfight between four Egyptian fighter planes and two Israeli interceptors. The three other British-built Vampires escaped to Egyptian territory. None of the Israeli planes was hit. The Egyptian pilot was wounded and captured.

The Israel Government took a grave view of today's penetration of Israel air space by Egyptian jet planes. Premier David Ben Gurion immediately forwarded a communication to United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold--who is now on a "peace mission" in the Middle East--pointing out that Egypt is continuing its "open violations" of a pledge given Mr. Hammarskjold only a few days ago to refrain from further hostilities and to observe the provisions of the Israel-Egyptian armistice agreement.

The pledge to which the Israel Prime Minister referred was given Mr. Hammarskjold by Egyptian Premier Gamal Abdel Nasser and by Mr. Ben Gurion himself. Both pledged to observe unconditionally the part of the armistice agreement which commits them "not to advance beyond, or pass over, for any purpose whatsoever the armistice demarcation line."

The heads of the Israel and Egyptian Governments further pledged themselves to observe the section of the armistice agreement which reads: "No element of the land, sea or air military, or paramilitary of either party including non-regular forces shall commit any warlike or hostile act against a military or paramilitary force of the other party, or against civilians in territory under the control of that party." They also agreed "not to violate the international frontier or enter into or pass through the waters within three miles of the coastline of the other party."

The Israel acceptance which came first, Sunday, made it clear, however, that if Egypt "continues her warlike acts against Israel we must reserve our freedom to act in self-defense." Col. Nasser also reserved the right to act "in self-defense." Mr. Hammarskjold, however, immediately informed both governments that the reservation "does in no way detract from the unconditional undertaking" to observe the pledge.

In his letter of protest to Mr. Hammarskjold today, Premier Ben Gurion asked the UN Secretary to inform him whether Egypt's acceptance of the pledge elicited by the UN Secretary General from both Israel and Egypt has been accepted and confirmed by Col. Gamal Abdel Nasser "or whether this is merely an expression of your attitude which does not commit the Egyptian Government." Mr. Ben Gurion called attention in his letter to the fact that fedayeen raids continued last night after Col. Nasser had given his "pledge" and that "a further act of aggression was committed by Egypt this morning" when four Egyptian jet planes appeared over Israel territory.

"In view of these facts," Mr. Ben Gurion continued, "the question must be asked whether and what assurances have been obtained from Col. Nasser guaranteeing the fulfillment of his present undertaking." He expressed confidence that the UN Secretary General "will not rest content" but will insist on the compliance by Egypt with all provisions of the armistice agreement.

## SHARETT PROTESTS TO U. N. HEAD ON KILLING OF ISRAELIS BY EGYPTIAN RAIDERS

JERUSALEM, April 12. (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett today sent a message to United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold, who is now seeking to reduce Arab-Israel tension, informing him of a series of raids by Egyptian suicide squads last night resulting in the killing of three Israeli teen-age boys and one adult the wounding of 16 persons inside Israel.

The three teen-agers and their religious teacher were killed by the "fedayeen" raiders while praying their evening service in the agricultural school at Habad, a religious settlement south-east of Tel Aviv. Some 40 boys; between nine and 13 years of age, were gathered in the school. Praying with them were five religious instructors.

As they finished reciting Shmoneh Esreh, Mair Friedman, an instructor in the room recalled, the lights went out, the door of the hall was kicked open and a long burst of automatic fire blasted loose. After a moment of stunned silence, the instructors called to the children to follow them and started leaving the room through windows. Settlers in

nearby homes and a passerby who had witnessed the attack by three Arabs helped evacuate the children who took refuge in nearby ditches until police arrived on the scene.

The children who had died and a number of others who had been wounded seriously, mostly in the upper parts of their bodies, were lying in one huge pool of blood when rescuers arrived. The blood stained their clothing, their headgear and the prayer books they had been reading. A lone kerosene lamp illuminated the scene late last night when reporters were allowed into the bloodstained room. Instructor Friedman described the attack and showed reporters the room in which the tragedy had occurred.

In the hospital at nearby Assaf Harofeh reporters saw the wounded children, six of whom were waiting to be operated upon. Also in the hospital was Moshe Zacharia, head of a Yemenite family, whose three members had been wounded in another fedayeen attack at the settlement of Achizer, near Habaad, when a hand grenade was tossed into the room. The father, on whose hand the grenade exploded, was asking "who will take care of my family now that I have lost a hand." His wife and infant daughter were also wounded, but less seriously.

These were the worst attacks of last night, which have aroused the Israel people as almost nothing else has done recently. In an ambush of a crowded Jerusalem-Tel Aviv bus near Rameh six persons were wounded, while a policeman was wounded when he was ambushed in a car near Lydda.

Eban Informs the "Big Three" of Egypt's Murder of Israel Children

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., April 12. (JTA) -- Israel Ambassador Abba Eban met this morning with Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., president of the United Nations Security Council for this month and head of the United States delegation. He conferred later separately with Sir Pierson Dixon, Britain's permanent representative at the UN, and Herve Alphand, French representative.

A spokesman of the Israel delegation at the United Nations said Mr. Eban informed the delegation chiefs of the Western Big Three of Egypt's latest armed attacks on Israel. Mr. Eban is understood to have indicted Egypt severely for "the murder of Israel children and their instructor in the sacred moment of prayer" and called that attack "a particularly revolting example of the consequences of Prime Minister Nasser's international policy."

The national board of Hadassah today denounced the "wanton slaying" of three Israeli children attending prayer services by so-called Egyptian suicide squads and called upon the U. S. Government and other Western powers for "firm and positive" steps to halt Arab aggression, including the immediate sale of defensive arms to Israel.

ARAB-ISRAEL DEVELOPMENTS PROMPT DULLES TO CANCEL WEEK-END TRIP

WASHINGTON, April 12. (JTA) -- Secretary of State John Foster Dulles today cancelled his plan to spend the week-end at his vacation island in Lake Ontario and decided to stay in Washington to watch Arab-Israel developments, it was announced here by the State Department.

The State Department flatly denied today a report that the U. S. Second Armored Division had been ordered to proceed from Germany to the Middle East. A similar denial was made today by military authorities. The State Department stressed that there was no serious intention here of sending additional forces to the Middle East.

State Department spokesman Lincoln White said today that the statement yesterday by U. S. Ambassador Edward Lawson commending Israel for restraint in face of Arab raids was made on his own initiative and not as a result of instructions from Washington. He added that this was entirely within diplomatic procedural propriety. Asked if he was aware if U. S. Ambassador Henry Byroade was communicating similar commendation to Egyptian Premier Nasser, Mr. White said he had no way of knowing.

A plea for U. S. alliance with Israel by providing the Jewish State with arms was voiced today by Rep. Albert W. Cretella (R. Conn.) in a statement before Congress. Rep. Cretella said: "The time is now for our leadership to spring into action which will strongly assert our alliance with the democratic state of Israel by making provisions for aiding her with arms for her legitimate self-defense."

UNITED NATIONS PARLEY HEARS APPEAL AGAINST ARAB BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL

GENEVA, April 12. (JTA) -- A call to major shipping, aviation and trading companies in all parts of the world to refuse to comply with Arab states' blackmail and blacklisting activities in their economic war on the State of Israel was voiced here today by M. Bartur, Israeli delegate to the 11th session of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe. Mr. Bartur urged the governments of such non-complying firms to back them and thus help ease tension in the Middle East.

Mr. Bartur noted that the Arab boycotts and blockade violated the UN Charter and in the case of the Suez Canal blockade also clashed with international maritime practice, with an international treaty and with a Security Council resolution. The Israeli delegate warned that the Arab states would only make new and increased blackmail demands upon companies and governments which acquiesced in the campaign against Israel.

INDEMNIFICATION TO NAZI VICTIMS RESIDING OUTSIDE GERMANY IS PLANNED

BONN, April 12. (JTA) -- The Bundestag Indemnification Committee which is dealing with the problem of amending the Federal Indemnification Law for Nazi victims, will recommend that all victims of Nazism--irrespective of their present or former place of residence--should receive the same amount of compensation for concentration camp imprisonment and for damage to life and health, it was learned here today.

For these categories of personal damage, those who were not residents of Germany on certain specified deadlines before or after the war were heretofore given 25 percent less indemnification than present or former residents of Germany, unless the persecutee concerned was older than sixty. Thus, the indemnification law provided \$35.70 for each month of concentration camp custody, but all Nazi victims failing to meet the residence requirements had to take a cut of about nine dollars.

It is learned from a well-informed source that the Indemnification Committee has voted to eliminate this discriminatory differential. Once the text suggested by the committee is enacted into law, each Nazi victim who previously received the cut-rate compensation becomes entitled to payment of the 25 percent increment. In the case of former prisoners of the Nazis, this means nine dollars multiplied by the number of months spent in Nazi concentration camps or jails. The widows and orphans of Jews killed by the Nazis, but who fail to meet the residence requirements, will also have their annuities or pensions augmented.

As for Jews crippled as a result of persecution, and whose Nazi-inflicted disability has been formally certified by a German indemnification agency, not all those failing to meet residence requirements will be granted the 25 percent increase. Israel nationals are excluded from these particular benefits under the terms of letters exchanged at Luxembourg in September, 1952 between Federal Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett. The Government of Israel recognized then that, considering the West German undertaking to pay reparations in recompense for the expenditures incurred by Israel in the resettlement of Jewish refugees, indemnification provisions of this type should apply to Israel national only with respect to deprivation of liberty and to widows' or orphans' pensions.

The Bundestag Indemnification Committee's final report to the Bundestag plenum will be drafted within the next fortnight. The second and third reading of the long-awaited Amendment, which constitutes a complete overhauling and rewrite of the 1953 Federal Indemnification Law, is scheduled shortly thereafter.

U. S. MIDDLE EAST POLICY CRITICIZED AT CONVENTION OF JEWISH CONGRESS

NEW YORK, April 12. (JTA) -- Sharp criticism of the United States policy on the Arab-Israel issue was voiced here tonight at the opening session of the biennial convention of the American Jewish Congress, which is being attended by 1,000 delegates from all parts of the country.

Governor Averell Harriman of New York told the session that "signs of bankruptcy in American foreign policy are multiplying with perilous speed, while the faith of our friends and allies is sorely shaken." He charged that "nowhere, perhaps, is our diplomacy more barren in dealing with the Soviet menace than in the Middle East."

Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the American Jewish Congress, asserted that U.S. "policy has been pro-Arab" despite official pronouncements that this country was practicing "impartiality" toward Israel and the Arab states. Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein, chairman of the convention, charged that "there has been too much Arab appeasement by the United States. There has been too much oil strategy, disregarding moral considerations. There has been too much indecisiveness, vacillation, encouraging aggression rather than deterring it."

A highlight of the Convention session was a ceremony commemorating the 13th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, conducted by Dr. Robert Sererebnik of the World Jewish Congress. "If today the State of Israel is beleaguered again," Dr. Sererebnik asserted, "we are not afraid. Jewish youth, steeled by the spirit of the Ghetto fighters, holds the old and new flag that is tained with the blood of the Warsaw heroes. In grief mingled with pride, we remember their epic resistance that will remain at once a legacy and an eternal challenge."

Mrs. Thelma Richman, communal leader of Philadelphia, was elected president of the National Women's Division of the American Jewish Congress by more than 800 delegates from all sections of the nation at the closing session of the two-day national biennial convention.

CONFERENCE ON PROBLEMS OF HOMES FOR JEWISH AGED TO BE HELD IN HARTFORD

NEW YORK, April 12. (JTA) -- The Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, announced today that a leadership conference of Jewish homes for the aged will be held in Hartford, Conn., on April 22 to exchange experience on various problems concerning programming for the aged residents.

Participating in the conference will be executives and officers of Jewish homes for the aged in New Haven, Providence, Worcester, Boston, Hartford, Portland, Waterbury, Springfield, Fall River, Lynn and Montreal.

## U. S. JEWISH GROUPS HONOR PROF. BOEHM; FIGHTER FOR NAZI VICTIMS

NEW YORK, April 12. (JTA) -- Professor Franz Boehm, a distinguished member of the West German Parliament and one of the foremost champions of German laws to compensate Nazi victims, was today honored by the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany at a luncheon at the Hotel Roosevelt. He will be presented tomorrow with the Stephen S. Wise Award at the convention of the American Jewish Congress which opened here today.

Prof. Boehm disclosed at the luncheon today that the Bonn Parliament is expected to enact a new indemnification law within a few weeks which will substantially enlarge the benefits granted to Nazi victims by the German Federal Republic. He expressed regret that the forthcoming law will not cover all of the claimant groups whose cause the Claims Conference had pressed so urgently, and stressed the need for implementing the German indemnification laws. "My German friends and I will not rest, however," he pledged, "until the rightful claims to which persecutees are entitled have been fulfilled."

Presiding at the luncheon was Moses A. Leavitt, treasurer of the Claims Conference and a leader of the Claims Conference delegation which conducted negotiations at The Hague in 1952 with the representatives of the German Federal Republic, headed by Professor Boehm. "It was the courageous stand which Prof. Boehm, as the German delegation head, took during a critical interval in the negotiations," Mr. Leavitt stressed, "which did so much to make possible the compensation agreements for the benefit of needy Nazi victims which resulted."

Benjamin B. Ferencz, Claims Conference representative in Germany during the past three years, stressed the important role which Prof. Boehm, as a key member of the Bonn Parliamentary Committee for Indemnification is playing in legislative matters affecting the interests of Nazi victims. "His forthright integrity in Parliamentary deliberations on these issues is an invaluable influence," Mr. Ferencz stated. Professor Boehm had been suspended from his teaching position at the University of Jena between the years 1938-45 for his outspoken opposition to the anti-Jewish measures which the Nazi regime had imposed.

## JOINT DEFENSE APPEAL LAUNCHES DRIVE TO RAISE \$5,600,000 IN 1956

NEW YORK, April 12. (JTA) -- The Joint Defense Appeal, fund-raising arm of the American Jewish Committee and of the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League, tonight launched its 1956 campaign for \$5,600,000 to be used for combatting anti-Semitism and programs for safeguarding civil liberties in the United States. Several hundred guests attended the dinner at which Henry L. Moses, prominent philanthropist, was honored.

Frederick F. Greenman, chairman of the JDA campaign, told the gathering that for the first time in five years the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League have increased their budgets "in order to meet the many problems confronting the community as a result of the tensions in the South arising over the desegregation problem and the crises in the Middle East." Mr. Greenman said that there is "increasing evidence that desegregation tensions are taking on anti-Semitic overtones, that anti-Semites have joined the movement and that anti-Jewish literature is an accepted part of the materials distributed and used by speakers."

Mr. Greenman said also that social discrimination against Jews, reflected in anti-Jewish practices in education, housing, employment and public accommodations, is at a high point in the United States. "Social sanctions against Jew" represents today the most extensive expression of anti-Semitic prejudice in our country," he declared.

## NEW YORK PHILANTHROPIST GIVES \$1,000,000 TO BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY

WALTHAM, Mass., April 12. (JTA) -- A gift of \$1,000,000 from Jack A. Goldfarb of New York was announced here yesterday by Brandeis University. The money is to be used toward the construction of a 750,000 volume library embodying the latest principles in library architecture. The library will receive \$300,000 annually from the National Women's Committee of Brandeis University, an organization of 50,000 women which is pledged to maintain the library.

## JEWIS IN TURKEY OBSERVE ANNIVERSARY OF JEWISH REVOLT IN WARSAW GHETTO

ISTANBUL, April 12. (JTA) -- Religious services in all synagogues in Turkey marked the 13th anniversary of the Warsaw ghetto uprising in 1943. Hundreds of men and women attended services at the Great Synagogue here. The local Jewish press carried a considerable number of articles commemorating the rebellion against the Nazis.

## REMAINS OF DR. NAHUM SOKOLOW EN ROUTE TO ISRAEL FOR RE-INTERMENT

JERUSALEM, April 12. (JTA) -- The Jewish National Fund announced today a decision to plant a forest in honor of Dr. Nahum Sokolow, late president of the World Zionist Organization. The remains of Mr. Sokolow are now en route to Israel, aboard the vessel Gefen. They are due here April 19, after which they will be reinterred on Mt. Herzl.